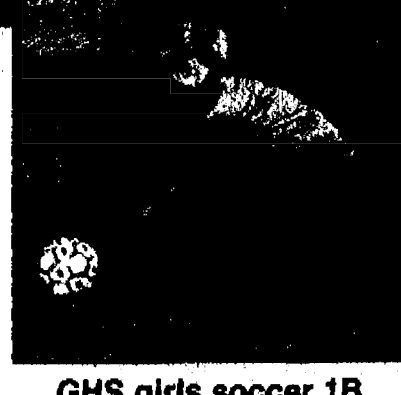




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## GPA keeps Cultural Events series alive

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Budget cuts at the state level have trickled down to local levels, affecting funding for schools and the arts, leaving little for local officials to do but cut their own budgets. The local cultural events series, so popular among residents and visitors to Crawford County, did not escape the school district's budget cuts.

When sizeable cuts from Lansing became apparent, the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education reluctantly eliminated funding for the award-winning Cultural Events Program, an important part of the district's Community Education Program.

Recently retired Community Education and Cultural Events Program Coordinator R.J. Hannan thought this may be the end of the line for a program series he has built up over the past 14 years with the generous support of area businesses, corporations, art patrons and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). His hard work has paid off for the enjoyment of all, with the main goal of bringing cultural events, music, and the arts to this rural area, as well as promote local commerce.

The program has become the envy of neighboring communities and attracted patrons from near and far for Special Performances such as a visit from Mickey Rooney and the annual Christmas Special, the Travel & Adventure Series which toured America, "from sea to shining sea" just last month at

the Rialto Theatre, and the Command Performance Dinner series with offerings such as the Michigan Opera Theater Singers at the Holiday Inn on Thursday, May 1 -- the last of this season's events.

That was until the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) stepped in to spare the Cultural Events Program from extinction.

After meeting with Hannan on several occasions, GPA members realized what a terrific asset the program is to the community and have decided to keep it going. With Hannan's expertise, the series will live on under the name of "Grayling Promotional Association's Community Cultural Events Series."

The GPA will be seeking the continued support of local corporations, businesses and patrons of the arts to help fund the series. Hannan has also gone ahead and applied for future grant funding through MCACA.

GPA will bring the same quality of cultural events the community has grown accustomed to in the past. Its 2003-2004 performance and event schedule, as well as tickets for the events, will become available in August.

Tickets are still available for the May 1 dinner performance; call 348-7146 for details.

To help replace funding lost to the arts due to state and local budget cuts, a tax-deductible donation can be made to the GPA's Cultural Events Series. Make check or money order payable to GPA Community Cultural Events Series and mail to: GPA, P.O. Box 150, Grayling MI 49738.

## Daughters play important role

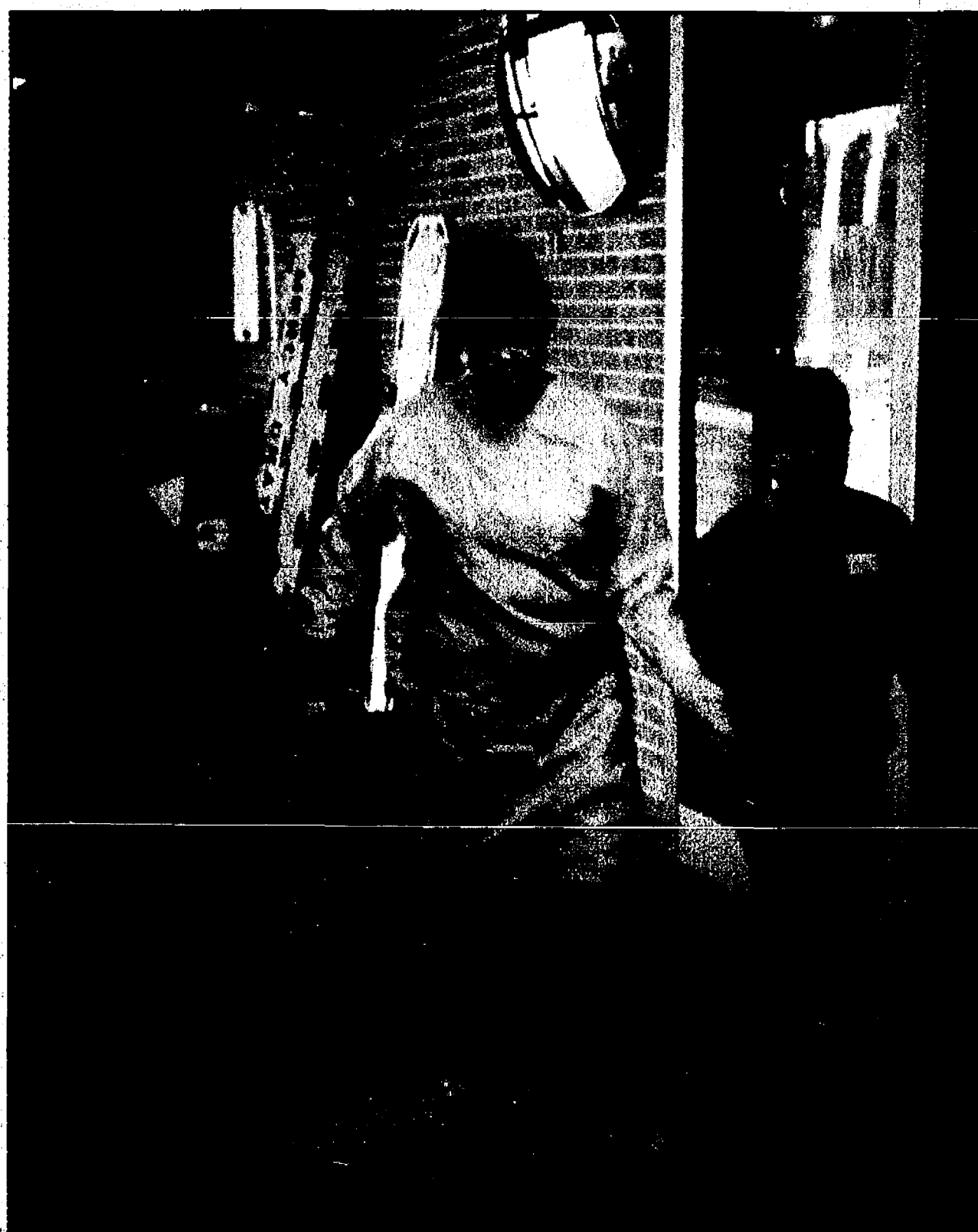


Photo by Susan Warrington

April 24 was "Take Your Daughter to Work Day," so daughters of moms who work at Mercy Hospital in Grayling played an important part in last Thursday's annual exercise to measure the readiness of local agencies in the event of a disaster or terrorist attack. This year's mock disaster involved a smallpox outbreak and the girls played victims in the exercise to prevent the spread of the disease.

## Mercy Hospital tightens belt as it looks toward future

► Improvements planned, 15 jobs eliminated as part of the process

With an eye to the future, Mercy Hospital Grayling is tightening its financial belt to be eligible for \$2.6 million in capital improvement funds through owner Trinity Health. These funds would allow the hospital to renovate its Obstetrics unit, make surgical suite upgrades and, in general, position the hospital for future expansion and technological advancements.

To receive the funding approval, Mercy Hospital Grayling is taking steps to deal with a significant financial challenge. To date for fiscal year 2003, which ends June 30, the hospital is \$1.25 million in the red.

"This is about improving the hospital and securing our future," explained Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling. "Enhanced Obstetrics services and facilities have been identified as a community need and we are working to address that need. When all is said and done, we will have a stronger Mercy Hospital. We've been a vital part of this community for generations and we'll continue to be a vital part of this community for generations to come."

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## Delivery charge nets sentence to 'boot camp'

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A teen charged with the delivery of a controlled substance and felony breaking and entering was sentenced to prison and 'boot camp' Monday, April 28, in 46th Circuit Trial Court.

The charges stem from an incident last October when 19-year old Stephanie Sue Mitchell and some friends broke into seasonal homes in Grayling Township, stole televisions and other items, then traded one of the televisions for money and a Fentanyl patch -- a potent prescription painkiller. The group then drank and partied in a room at a local motel where 24-year old Shea Simpson died after eating the contents of the patch, not meant to be taken orally.

When Mitchell pled guilty to the two charges in January, she testified how she applied the patch to her hip but after a while

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## Scout earns national recognition for saving dad's life

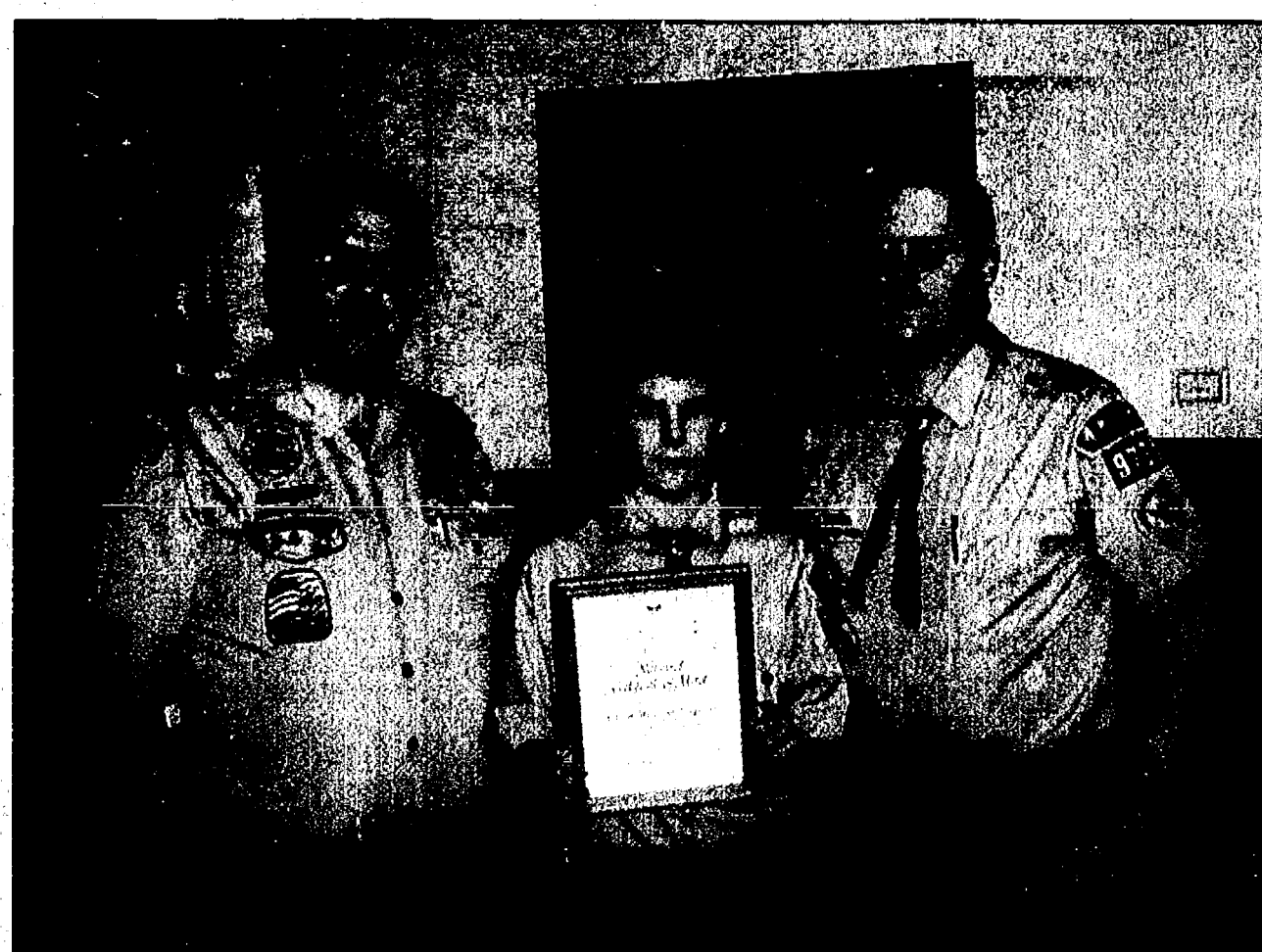
by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Eleven-year-old Aaron Stephan's quick thinking and action in July 2002 saved his father's life. Aaron and his father Herbert were looking for some items stored in a barn on their property when his father, who is allergic to bees, was stung. Aaron quickly ran into the house, alerted his mother and retrieved his father's bee sting kit.

Aaron met his father on the back porch of the house, quickly gave him his medicine, checked to make sure the bee stinger was out, then got an ice pack to put on the sting. Aaron then sat with his father for a while to make sure everything was okay.

Herbert scheduled a doctor's visit two days later because his voice was raspy and his arm was still swollen and hot. When he saw the doctor, he was told the quick actions by Aaron had saved his life.

Aaron had learned how to deal with insect bites just a few weeks earlier in Boy Scouts. He was happy he learned about



Aaron Stephan holds the National Certificate of Merit he earned for saving his father's life. With him are Scout Master Loren Goodale and Aaron's father, Herbert Stephan.

it when he did and said he feels "anyone can save somebody's life if they stay calm and brave."

The outstanding actions of Aaron were recognized locally

and the information was sent to the national level. In January 2003, the Boy Scouts of America upon the recommendation of the National Court of

Honor awarded a National Certificate of Merit to Aaron William Stephan for his performance of a significant act of service.

## Military budget includes plans for veteran's cemetery

Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) announced last week recommendations for the military affairs budget that were approved in subcommittee earlier this week. The budget includes language added by Stamas for the legislature to fund the building of a new veteran's cemetery in Crawford County, should legislation pass calling for the implementation of such a project.

"We are taking the first step in paving the way for a cemetery in Crawford County to honor and remember our veterans," Stamas said. "Legislation will be introduced shortly by Representative Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord) and myself to allow this important project to be approved. It is with the utmost respect that we should remember the sacrifice that so many have made for our country."

Art Thayer, a Grayling resident and U.S. Navy veteran of  
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## Two injured in three car accident

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A three vehicle accidents in the late afternoon of April 25 injured two people and closed a busy local roadway for over an hour.

According to Sgt. Randy Baerlocher of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, 31-year old Douglas Koon and his family, all of Vanderbilt, riding in a Dodge Neon, were stopped in a line of westbound vehicles waiting for a driver to turn left on M-72 near Wales Avenue when 18-year old Roger Alvarez, driving a two-door Nissan, tried to avoid a rear end collision by swerving over into the eastbound lane.

Alvarez, of Grayling, clipped the rear end of the Neon, then drove head on into a GMC van driven by 44-year old Ronald Latusek, also of Grayling. The Nissan and Latusek's van received extensive damage.

Responding to the scene along with Sheriff's Deputies were personnel from the Grayling City and Township Fire Department



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

The driver of this Nissan was actually trying to avoid hitting the Dodge Neon last Friday afternoon when he crossed the center line on M-72, just west of Grayling, and struck an eastbound van (not shown). The drivers of both cars were injured.

and Mobile Medical Response (MMR).

According to Baerlocher, Koon was taken to Mercy Hospital in Grayling complaining of back pain. His wife and three children were not injured.

Alvarez received a large laceration to his leg and injured his ankle in the crash and was also taken to Mercy Hospital. Latusek was uninjured.

All drivers and occupants of all three vehicles were wearing their

seat belts which Baerlocher said played a major role in preventing more injuries. Also, the airbags in Latusek's van deployed, sparing him from serious injury.

Alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

## Dispute over alley ends with gunshot

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A 39-year Frederic man was arraigned April 29 in 83rd District Court on two felony charges stemming from a shooting incident over an alleyway last Sunday just after 1 p.m.

Maurice Leroy Alma, Jr. was arrested April 27 following a brief standoff with Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies and charged with assault with intent to murder and felony firearm possession.

According to Sgt. Randy Baerlocher, Glen Kimble, age 67, was grading Harmer Lane, when Alma demanded he stop, but Kimble refused.

Baerlocher said Alma allegedly stated he was going to kill Kimble, then entered his home and came out with a 12-gauge shotgun and allegedly fired in the direction of Kimble, flattening

ing a tire on the machine and striking Kimble's coat as he ducked to avoid the shot. The round was found to contain bird-shot.

No one was hurt in the incident.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said his deputies are familiar with ongoing disputes between property owners concerning the alley, located between North Charles and North Cedar Street, having answered calls in the area on previous occasions.

A preliminary examination is scheduled for May 13 in District Court. Magistrate Jean Callewaert set Alma's bond at \$200,000. He remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail.



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

A Frederic senior citizen who was using this front end loader to grade an alley in Frederic was shot at on Sunday afternoon by his neighbor, who now faces two felony charges.

## Police say alcohol played role in fatal crash

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Gerrish Township Police are continuing their investigation into a two-car accident around 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 26, that resulted in the death of a downstate teen.

Thirteen year old Amanda Way, of Highland, died at Flint's Hurley Hospital the evening of Sunday, April 27 from injuries she received when police say her grandmother, Evelyn R. MaGee, ran a stop sign at M-76 while southbound on Billman Road and was struck by an eastbound vehicle as her car entered the intersection. Gerrish officials believe alcohol was a factor in

the accident.

According to police reports, MaGee's car rolled onto its side, ejecting her and trapping Amanda as well as her 13-year old brother, Jesse, in the vehicle.

Both vehicles left the roadway, knocking down a stop sign and an electric service pole owned by Consumers Power. Live electric wires interfered with the rescue efforts by Gerrish officers, Michigan State Troopers out of Houghton Lake, as well as rescue personnel from Gerrish Township, Higgins Township and Lyon Township Fire Departments. Roscommon Sheriff's Deputies also assisted.

All five people who were riding

in vehicles involved were taken to Mercy Hospital in Grayling for treatment.

Amanda and her grandmother were airlifted to Mercy Hospital in Grayling, then transferred to Flint. MaGee was reported in critical condition on April 28. No further reports on her condition have been received from Gerrish police.

Jesse Way was treated and released from Mercy on Saturday.

The driver of the second vehicle, local resident Brian L. Crittenden, and his passenger, Jerald L. Melvin of Muir, were both treated and released the day of the crash.

## I-75 re-opens after culvert replacement

The Michigan Department of Transportation reported a 12-mile section of northbound I-75 was re-opened ahead of schedule on April 25 after being closed since April 22 when twin culverts under the freeway began to fail, causing a six to 12-

inch dip in the road surface.

The northbound lanes of the freeway were closed between exits 227 and 239 and traffic re-routed while the culverts were replaced. Southbound I-75 remained open during the reconstruction.

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# Driving facility opens at Camp Grayling

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The precision driving facility recently completed at Camp Grayling had their open house and ribbon cutting ceremony April 23. The facility is a result of the cooperation between the northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group and Camp Grayling.

The facility will be used by at least 29 different law enforcement agencies. According to Gary McConnell, coordinator of the facility, the list of groups wanting to use it is growing every week.

The facility will be used by law enforcement agencies to conduct the refresher driving training skills required for every officer whether hired by a local, county or state law enforcement agency.

The facility will also be used by colleges to teach the driving portion of the respective Police Recruit Academies.

This facility allows students and officers to learn or refresh skills for both non-emergency and emergency situations in realistic scenarios. Previously, this type of training had been done in remote areas of airports, whereas this facility allows them to learn in a more secure location.

The driving facility has already been used by officers from the Department of Natural Resources and criminal justice students from Kirtland Community College.

The driving facility is part of the law enforcement training facility located at Camp Grayling. Firearms ranges at the camp are already being used as well as some of the buildings for



The driver is taking her car through a rain-slicked obstacle course as part of her driving skills training at the precision driving facility at Camp Grayling.

class work.

Among the goals for the center are setting up a mock jail and courtroom, setting up search and

hostage scenarios using some of the buildings and the establishment of marine, ORV and snowmobile training areas.

# Medical runs hit 10,000 hours for CCTA

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has a program to transport people who need specialized non-emergency medical attention to their appointments. What makes this program different from the normal transportation provided by the CCTA is that these services are not available in this county and some requests take them to Saginaw and Ann Arbor.

The program, which is supported by many agencies, began with a non-renewable grant issued by the Michigan Department of Community Health. The grant was designed to help people in rural areas get access to needed medical attention.

Since this program began, approximately 30 months ago, the CCTA has logged over 10,000 hours helping Crawford County residents get to their appointments. CCTA Director

Dave Frederick said they originally estimated this would take no more than 200 hours each month. Their first month of service was over 250 hours and the program has logged an average of over 300 hours each month since its inception. Frederick added there is obviously a profound need for specialized medical services that are not yet available in this county.

Fewer hours have been logged in the last few months since the grant ran out and now agencies

referring clients for services are being asked to pay part of the cost. For those who need treatment several times a week, this can add up quickly.

Frederick added that many local agencies have been very good about covering some of the cost to help defray expenses for their clients.

Unfortunately due to the severe cutbacks most agencies are facing, it may become more difficult for their clients to participate.

# Delivery charge nets sentence to 'boot camp'

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didn't like how the drug made her feel, so she offered the patch to Simpson, who accepted, peeled apart the plastic patch and ate its contents. He died later that evening.

Simpson's younger sister delivered a victim's impact statement to a tearful courtroom filled with Simpson's friends and family. His sister stated she believed if someone would have called for help that night, when they first noticed something was wrong with him, Simpson may still be alive today.

An emergency call wasn't placed until the following morning.

Judge Morse explained to Mitchell about the seriousness of getting involved with drugs. She said bad things can happen, and this time the worst thing that could, happened -- someone died.

With her father looking on, Mitchell said she was very sorry for what she had done and was grateful to the court for its consideration in her case.

Mitchell was sentenced to one to 10 years in prison for the break-ins and 18 months to seven years on the drug charge. The sentences will run concurrently and Mitchell was given 109 days credit for time served in the Crawford County Jail.

Judge Morse ordered Mitchell to participate in the MDOC's boot camp type program and substance abuse treatment.

"This boot camp is not a walk in the park," Judge Morse said to Mitchell. "If you do not finish the program, you will go back to prison." She also warned Mitchell that if she gets in trouble once out of prison and rehabilitation, she will "spend a significant amount of time in prison."

Mitchell was also ordered to pay at least \$1,390 restitution, \$170 to the Crime Victims Fund, and \$150 in DNA forensic lab fees.

# Mercy Hospital tightens belt as it looks toward future

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To deal with the financial challenge, the hospital's senior leaders, management team, and other staff members have been working to identify ways to cut expenses. An action plan has been developed which includes the elimination of 15 positions, several by restructuring or merging responsibilities. Other reductions will occur through efficient use of hospital resources.

"Health care is a complicated business," said Riemer-Matuzak. "There are many factors -- such as reimbursement -- that are beyond our control but affect our bottom line and this is a challenge facing hospitals nationwide." One factor, she said, that played into this year's losses was the decision of a group of Orthopedic surgeons to concentrate on the Gaylord market, leaving the hospital with fewer surgeries than projected.

"We have two new excellent Orthopedic surgeons on staff who are drawing patients from as far away as Mt. Pleasant," noted

Douglas Slater, MD, Mercy's Vice President for Medical Affairs. "We anticipate we will not only re-coup what we've lost in that area, but will exceed our previous surgery volumes in the near future."

Until then, however, the hospital's leadership team and board members are asking for support

of the hospital staff and understanding from the community at large.

"This is a bump in the road that will be felt by some people very personally," said Riemer-Matuzak. "But it is important that we all work together to do what is best for the future health care in our community."

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World War II, said, "This is something that is sorely needed in the northern part of our state. And, in conjunction with Camp Grayling, this makes our area the ideal location."

Senate Bill 266 was expected to be taken up on April 29 before the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

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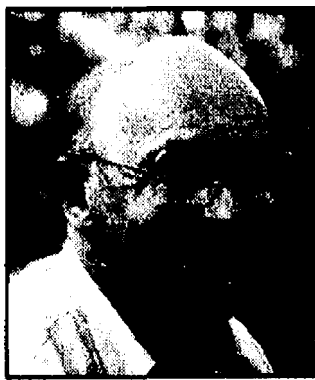
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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Governor's old residence presents problems

WHAT TO DO with the governor's mansion in Lansing is causing some head scratching around the state capitol.

Actually the governor's house is not much of a mansion, as mansions go.

It was built about 50 years ago by Howard Sober, a well-to-do entrepreneur whose trucking company made a lot of money hauling Lansing-built Oldsmobiles around the country.

It's a one-story structure in a historically fashionable Lansing neighborhood. It has three bedrooms, nice but not lavish entertaining space, and pleasant landscaping. But it does not overlook the nearby river, or the nearby golf course.

As memory serves, the house was offered to the state by Mr. Sober, and former Senator Emil Lockwood headed up a public citizens fund raising group to buy Michigan's first official governor's residence. Note: No tax dollars.

Before the state owned an official residence, governors provided their own Lansing housing. Governor George Romney rented a home in East Lansing, Governor John Swainson rented one in West Lansing, while Governor G. Mennen Williams preferred a big house in downtown Lansing.

Governor Kim Sigler, who lived about 50 miles from the capitol in Hastings, stayed at the former Olds Hotel across the street from the capitol when he was in town. The hotel, by the way, is now a state office building.

Governor William Milliken was the first governor to live there. His successors, Governors James Blanchard and John Engler, also lived there. Now its Governor Jennifer Granholm's turn.

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM and her husband, Dan Mulhern, have three children, and the offi-

cial residence simply is not suited for a family like theirs. The oldest child will start high school, another is in middle school and the youngest in elementary school.

Again a public citizens group has been formed, headed by Debbie Dingell, Democratic national committee woman, to raise a million dollars to expand and fix up the old Sober house. Note: No tax dollars.

The house needs plenty of attention ... not only more space but a new roof so it won't leak, electrical service update, a two room addition, and who knows what all will turn up.

The refurbished governor's home is supposed to be ready when school starts in the fall. In the meantime, Governor Granholm commutes to her home in Northville.

A million bucks is a lot of money to sink into an old, inadequate house. The location is fine, but even after being expanded

and renovated, the Michigan mansion probably still will be inadequate for total functioning as a governor's family home as well as all the official non-family duties a governor is expected to perform at the residence.

A million bucks would take a big chunk out of erecting a new governor's mansion on the same site that truly would fit the bill.

However, that would mean that the taxpayers likely would have to pony up at least part of the cost, and these days are no time to ask taxpayers to pay for a governor's mansion ... even part of one.

More difficult would be to find an elected politician, including the governor, to suggest such a program.

Too bad. In another 10 years or so, we can expect another public fund raising effort to repair or improve the old house again, or to accommodate a governor with different family needs.

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MARTHA GRIFFITHS -- Posthumous accolades poured from almost every corner when Martha Griffiths died recently. She deserved all the praise that was heaped upon her.

State legislator, judge, member of Congress, lieutenant governor -- Martha Griffiths was truly an outstanding public servant, in service both to Michigan and to the nation.

Her role in advancing the rights and recognition of women has been well chronicled. She was a true leader.

In 1982, after she retired from congress, she accepted the invitation of then-Congressman and candidate for governor James Blanchard to be his running mate for lieutenant governor. They won, she served two terms, and graced the office well.

Martha Griffiths has been generally reported as the first woman to serve as Michigan lieutenant governor. It's not so.

That honor goes to Matilda R.

Wilson, who was appointed lieutenant governor for a few weeks in 1940.

It came about after Governor Frank Fitzgerald died in March 1939, and Lt. Governor Luren Dickinson succeeded him. Governor Dickinson apparently operated without a lieutenant governor until Nov. 19, 1940 when Matilda Wilson was appointed lieutenant governor for the six weeks or so until the term expired Dec. 31 of that year, in an obviously ceremonial appointment.

However, Martha Griffiths was the first woman ELECTED lieutenant governor and the first to serve more than six weeks in the job. She ran on a tandem ticket with Mr. Blanchard, but it's generally accepted that she attracted considerable support for the ticket.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## EDITOR

### N'Orthopedics not to blame for Mercy's financial woes

To the editor,

I watched with interest the recent Channel 9&10 news coverage of Mercy Hospital's financial difficulties. I empathize with the skilled physicians and excellent staff that work hard to provide services to the communities of north central Michigan.

As a long standing member of the medical staff at Mercy, I felt it inappropriate to indicate that Mercy's current financial woes are due to N'Orthopedics difficult decision to alter our hospital affiliations.

As long as I have lived and practiced in this community, Mercy has had financial concerns which I believe are multifactorial and beyond the scope of this letter.

It should be known that N'Orthopedics continues proudly to offer excellent orthopedic services to Grayling and our surrounding communities and maintains offices in Grayling as well as Gaylord.

N'Orthopedics has made repeated attempts to continue offering services at Mercy, but have been informed that because of difficulties in providing adequate anesthesia coverage, that operating room time can not be provided on a continual basis to our practice.

Instead of pointing fingers at us as a source of their financial difficulties, perhaps they should focus on the issues that led us to alter our affiliations in the first place.

We wish the employees and staff at Mercy all the best, and will continue in our efforts to resolve these issues so that we can mutually meet the orthopedic needs of our communities.

Angus Goetz, D.O.  
Gaylord

### What's next?

To the editor,

Nuclear waste, Canadian garbage, chemicals leaking into the AuSable River. What will be next? I know! Maybe we could bury all the animals that have died from TB, Chronic Wasting

Disease, and West Nile Virus somewhere in our area. Then we can call ourselves the toxic capital of the north.

Carol Wakeley  
Grayling

### 'Hit and run' leaves child without friend

To the editor,

On Saturday, April 19, exactly one mile north of Frederic on Old 27, I witnessed a hit and run. There were three speeding cars, perhaps a group.

The first went by so fast, it startled my not quite two year-old son's dog, Sid. The second car hit Sid so hard he flew approximately 60 to 80 feet. Then after witnessing this, the auto accelerated away.

In a daze of awe myself, I approached Sid for his last

couple of breaths. Sid was laid to rest shortly after his death.

My son, Gage, did not see any of this. Gage continues to carry his favorite "Sid" toys through the house, however his eight-month old best friend is gone, and I know this could have been avoided.

My family, friends, and I wonder if it had been a person, like a child, would he or she (the driver) have stopped?

Ken Fraley  
Taylor

### If big tax cut doesn't work, at least he tried

To the editor,

I like President Bush. I believe he will go down in history as a great leader. His handling of the Iraq war was a great accomplishment. He rates high with the American public and much of the world. However, I question the feasibility of his proposed tax cut.

The question of the economy looms large on his mind. It has remained somewhat weaker during his term compared to the previous under Clinton, mainly due to conditions beyond anyone's control, 9/11, the stock market mess and high gasoline prices.

His first tax cuts amounting to \$600 per family and \$300 for a single person didn't do anything to improve the economy. Now he proposes a gigantic cut of \$550 billion over 10 years.

I welcome tax cuts. Nobody likes to pay taxes. But, with the United States having elected to take on the leadership of the world and its citizens demanding a lot from the government in the form of social benefits, and having to maintain a high-class military force, then tax cuts don't make much sense.

I believe Bush doesn't want to get himself into a similar situation that plagued his father. He would like the economy to improve by the time of the upcoming election. Whether his proposed tax cut will improve the economy is questionable. But, if it doesn't improve and he loses the election, no one can say he didn't try.

Harvey B. Burkholder  
Grayling

### Jump rope efforts reflect community pride

To the editor,

Students participating in our Jump Rope for Heart event from AuSable Primary, Grayling Elementary and Frederic Elementary collected over \$6,000 for the American Heart Association.

Kay Petrie offered her first aid talents, Clyde Holzbauer was the CD master spinner, while many parents, teachers and high school

students also helped to make the day a success.

The efforts of all the people involved to support the efforts of the American Heart Association also reflect the pride they feel for this community.

Julia Dunckley  
Don Knapp  
Jump Rope for Heart  
Coordinators

## VIEWPOINT

by U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)

### Preserving our national treasures

One hundred years ago last month, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an executive order creating the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, the first such area in the world. Within six years, the Roosevelt administration added 53 other regions to the refuge system. What began as an effort to protect a five acre island off the coast of Florida now encompasses more than 540 refuges and over 95 million acres throughout the nation.

Teddy Roosevelt's achievements in conservation ushered in a century of environmental awareness that continues today. Earth Day, celebrated on April 22, offers an opportunity to review our environmental stewardship and rededicate ourselves to this tradition of preservation.

Michigan is home to ten national wildlife refuges, with five each in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. These regions are home to hundreds of species of animals, birds and fish. Some refuges are also home to endangered species, such as Kirtland's Warbler National Wildlife Refuge in mid-Michigan, the only known nesting area of the Kirtland warbler.

One area of ecological significance, the Detroit River, has suffered from neglect for too long. Since the mid-18th century, over 95 percent of the coastal wetland habitat along the Detroit River has been lost. These wetlands are essential for the preservation of clean water and are an annual destination for three million ducks, geese, swans and other birds that migrate through the region.

To further the restoration of the Detroit River, I supported the effort of Representative John Dingell during the last session of Congress to create the Detroit Rivers International Wildlife Refuge. The refuge, spanning 18 miles from Zug Island to Sterling State Park, will conserve, protect and restore wetlands and other habitat for walleyes and 64 other kinds of fish, 29 species of waterfowl and

300 species of migratory birds.

The Detroit International Wildlife Refuge is also the first refuge to be cooperatively managed by both the U.S. and Canadian governments. And, in recognition of the centennial of the wildlife refuge system, the Army Corps of Engineers recently announced plans to donate 168 acres of wetlands to the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge.

In addition to working to set aside additional areas, we must continue to fight to protect those areas that are already preserved.

More than 20 years ago, I cosponsored legislation creating the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and I remain committed to preserving this incredible land. The only area on the North Slope of Alaska not already open to drilling, the Arctic refuge is home to polar bears, musk oxen, wolves, caribou, millions of migratory birds and hundreds of other species. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is also the largest expanse of pristine wilderness in the nation. For these distinctions, it has been called "America's Serengeti."

President Bush has declared that opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling is one of his priorities. While he acknowledges the importance of the area to the arctic ecosystem, he argues that this is outweighed by the potential for energy development. I believe such an approach is shortsighted.

It is estimated that the refuge could produce only a tiny percentage of our daily supply of oil. Consequently, most analysts agree that the actual reserves are too small to significantly assist the United States in achieving energy independence.

Teddy Roosevelt once remarked that future generations would judge nations by their ability to manage natural resources "as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired in value." This statement is as true today as it was a hundred years ago.

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# BRIEFS

## Chorale to present Gospel concerts

The Mikenauk Chorale will present "A Concert of Gospel Music" May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, and May 4 at 4 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Houghton Lake. Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased in advance at the Chamber of Commerce in Grayling, Roscommon, Houghton Lake. Tickets are also available from chorale members. Proceeds go to fund student scholarships and youth music programs.

## Sen. Stamas to hold office hours

State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) will be available to discuss concerns with constituents during office hours on Friday, May 2 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling. For more information, call Sen. Stamas' office toll-free at 1-866-305-2136.

## VFW to reaffirm 'Loyalty Day'

The Carl W. Borchers VFW Auxiliary and Post 3736 will hold a short ceremony at the Eternal Flame in front of the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling at 12 noon on Monday, May 5 to reaffirm Loyalty Day. The public is encouraged to attend.

## Pray for peace, troops each Tuesday

An Intercessory Prayer for peace and our troops, as well as for reconciliation and healing of all people and the world will be held each Tuesday, from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Mercy Hospital in Grayling. Everyone is welcome.

## Annual memorial service planned

Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice invites the community to participate in the 2003 Annual Memorial Service on Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Roscommon. Anyone who has lost a loved one through death and who would like to remember them in this special candle lighting ceremony should contact the Mercy Amicare Hospice office at (989) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457. A voice mail message may also be left for Mary Beth Brady at 348-0035. Please give your name and how many people will be attending in your party. You need not be present to have a candle lit for a loved one or loved ones.

## Women golfers to meet Wednesday

The Wednesday Morning Women's Golf League at the Grayling Country Club will hold its organizational meeting on May 7 at 8:30 a.m. at the Club House. New members are welcome.

## Church plans all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Take-outs will be available. Cost is \$5 per person.

## Pot painters needed for plant sale

The Grayling Garden Club will be painting pots at its next meeting, Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m., for its annual plant sale. The public is invited to join in the fun that evening at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. For more information and details regarding items to bring, call Sandy Allman at 348-4405.

## Free hearing/vision tests offered

Free hearing and vision screenings for kids, ages three to 18 years, will be offered by District Health Department staff on Friday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Grayling Head Start building. Call the Health Department at 348-7800 for an appointment.

## Retired state employees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association will be held Tuesday, May 6, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, at 1 p.m., with guest speaker Bob Kopasz, SERA Coordinating Council Chair. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

## Church offers Spiritual Enrichment

The Grayling Free Methodist Church, located at 6352 M-72 West, will have Spiritual Enrichment Services on Sunday, May 4, at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., and continued services May 5-7 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to hear God's word presented by Bishop Leslie L. Krober, of Free Methodist Ministries of North America. Nursery care will be provided. Also, at 6 p.m. on May 4, there will be a "Sunday Night Sing," featuring Bob Saxton who has performed with, or opened for, an impressive list of performers from country to pop.

## 'Walking by Faith' pastor to visit

Pastor Jim McWatters of Resurrection Life Church in Grayling invites everyone to attend a service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7 as the church hosts Pastor Duane VanderKlok of Resurrection Life Church of Grandville. Pastor VanderKlok hosts the daily television program, "Walking by Faith," which airs on the Fox Cable Network. The service will be held in the conference room of the Grayling Days Inn. For more information, call (231) 536-7933, e-mail pastorjim@rlcnw.com or visit www.rlcnow.com.

## Saddle Club Riders begin new season

Crawford County's 4-H Horse Club -- the Saddle Club Riders, have announced the beginning of its 2003 season of Open Speed Shows, to be held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Shows will go on rain or shine and entrants are asked to have registration completed by 5:45 p.m. each show to allow the program to begin promptly at 6 p.m. Entry fee per event for ages nine and up is \$3, and \$1 per event for leadliners (proof of age required; 4-H card or birth cer-

tificate will do). Age Divisions are: five to eight years old (must be leadlined); nine to 11 years old; 12-14 years old; 15-17 years old; and 18 years or older.

There will be a theme for each show for some added fun. Participants may dress themselves up, their horses or both.

Show dates are: May 12 (Bad Hair Day), June 9 (Patriotic), July 14 (Christmas in July), and August 11 (Halloween). Events in each show include Indiana Flag Race, Two-Person Relay,

## Red Cross blood drive set for May 7

Because there is a great need for blood donations at this time, a Crawford County Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, May 7 at the American Legion Post in Grayling, from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. Donating blood is a way to contribute to the war effort and to the need for blood here at home.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Senior citizens are welcome to donate blood and nurses will be available to answer any questions donors may have about their health.

The March 4 blood drive at Hard Bodyz welcomed these first time donors: Brock Barnett, Philip Faustman, Travis Huber, Edward Smiddy, and Charles Van Buren. Julie Lamie received her Four-Gallon pin.

The Grayling High School Blood Drive welcomed the fol-

lowing first time donors:

Ashley Bancroft, Duane Beck, Hayley Boardman, Roxanne Brunell, Charles Collins, Edward Coates, Maeghan Corwin, William Cousins, Brianne Crowl, Tommy Curley, Jeff Dennison, Justin DeVille, Jenson Dreasky, Travis Fagan, Brandon Frisbie, Bria Frisbie, Jessica Greene, Sarah Harland, Sally Jansen, K.C. Kindler, Raymond Nichols, Sarah Pegowskie, Michael Schmidt, Richard Schmidt, Heather Stamper, Donald Starks, Jessica Stewart, Andrew Vos, and Sheryl Zarnick. Also, a One-Gallon pin was given to George Morse.

At the March 6 blood drive in Frederic, these first time donors were welcomed: Rebecca Osga, Holli Pippin, William Wagner, and Mary Wingfield. Gallon Pins issued were: 28-Gallons - Al Etson; 13-Gallons - Larry Domcik; Three-Gallons - Denise Latuszek.

## Ormsbee to conduct Encore Winds finale

Encore Winds, under the direction of guest conductor, Dennis Ormsbee, retired band director from Grayling High School, closes its 2002-03 concert season on May 10 in Traverse City.

The season finale features the performance of the ever popular Sousa selections including, "The Last Days of Pompeii," often referred to as Sousa's finest composition and inspired by Bulwer-Lytton's epochal novel, the "1886 Tally Ho! Overture."

Martin VanMaanen, Encore's new Artistic Director, will be introduced and conduct a portion of the concert.

Featured strings guest soloist, Paul Sogner, Concentration of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra and faculty member in the violin department at the Interlochen Arts Academy, and Elizabeth Bert, a performer, music educator for more than 20

years, and principal conductor of the Traverse Youth Orchestra, will perform during the concert.

Encore's 3rd Annual Youth Competition winner, Dimce Belcovski, will be introduced and will perform "Concerto for Trombone for Band" with the Encore Winds.

The dessert reception following the concert features an array of American desserts catered by the Traverse Bay Area Career Tech Culinary Department, under the direction of Chef Karl.

Tickets for the concert scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at 8 p.m. at the Milliken Auditorium at the Denny's Museum Center are priced at \$22 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens, and \$14 for children. Doors open at 7 p.m.

For pre-concert ticket sales, contact the Encore office at (231) 486-7200. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Also, Encore's 2003-04 "Winds of Change" season tickets will be on sale at the concert.

## Farm Folk seeks new members

Members of the Wellington Farm Folk organization, the volunteer support group for Wellington Farm Park, will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 6 at the farm.

Guest speaker for the event will be Mike Castle, a forester for Weyerhaeuser Company, who will be discussing forestry management programs and anyone interested in hearing the presentation is welcome to attend.

The Farm Folk will also be discussing the coming tourist season and making their plans to make sure the farm is ready for visitors on opening day and planning over 15 special events to be held this season at the park.

Anyone interested in becoming member of the Wellington Farm Folk is encouraged to attend this meeting. The Farm Park is located on Military Road, between Four Mile and Five Mile Roads.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Passover Freedom

On Wednesday prior to our Easter celebration this year, the Jews celebrated Passover. To the Jews, Passover is a festival of freedom. The Passover was the event God used to free the Jews from 400 years of slavery in Egypt. God placed 10 plagues upon Egypt before the Pharaoh was willing to free the Jews. God's message was clear in Ex. 10:3: "And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me." The reminder of God's gift of deliverance and freedom was to be repeated each year at the Passover. Ex. 12:27: "7That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped." The purpose of their freedom was to worship and serve their God.

When Passover was instituted, the Jews were to kill a lamb and sprinkle the blood on the lintel and two side posts of the door of their house. They were to then eat the lamb before morning. God's promised them in Ex. 12:23: "For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and

will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you."

The Passover lamb was a picture of God's deliverance and salvation made available for us through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus was God's lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:8). John declared of Him in John 1:29: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." It was prophesied of Him in Isa. 53:6: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

The Jews were told to remove all leaven from their houses before Passover. Leaven is a picture of sin. That is why we are told in 1 Cor. 5:7: "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us." Jesus Christ is the sinless lamb of God who died on the cross, was buried, and rose again to give us forgiveness of sins through faith in His death, and eternal life through faith in His resurrection.

God did not provide Passover freedom for the Jews to live as they please, but to serve and worship Him. So also, Jesus Christ, the lamb of God died to give us freedom to live for and serve Him. Our soldiers in Iraq are in the process of freeing millions of people in the spirit of Isa.

58:6: "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?" But true freedom comes not from liberating armies, but through the gospel of Jesus Christ. John 8:32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:36: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Pray for freedom in Iraq. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## Siwula, McGrath marry



Mr. and Mrs. Sean McGrath

Tom Siwula, of Grayling, and Elaine Sweeney, of Harrison, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nicole Siwula, to Sean McGrath of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

The ceremony and reception

was held on Saturday, September 7, 2002 at Sawmill Creek Golf and Country Club in Sarnia, followed by a honeymoon in Hawaii.

The couple now resides in Denver, Colorado.

## HONORS

### Adrian College

Colby Davis, of Grayling was among several Adrian College students who received academic honors at the Adrian College Honors Awards Ceremony on April 4.

She is a junior majoring in psychology and English. Colby received the Scholarship Cup Award. The Scholarship Cup is inscribed with the names of the students with the highest grade point averages at Adrian College. This year, all recipients had a 4.0 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Alton and Sandra Davis and is a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School.

### Hope College

Lindsey S. Voelker, a Hope College senior from Grayling, received the Lambda Pi Eta Book Award in communication during the college's annual Honors Convocation held on Thursday, April 24.

The award is given to the senior communication student who has the highest grade point average in the discipline.

Hope is a four-year, co-educational, Christian, liberal arts college affiliated with the Reformed Church in America, and has 3,035 students from 44 states and territories in 37 foreign countries.

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## Sharing the Glory

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Romans 5:1-2 tells us, "therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God...through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God."

I had a coworker who was there for me countless times when I was feeling less than confident. She said to me simply and reassuringly, "I'll be all right." Finally, I realized that this was her way of sharing with me God's glory and love and His blessed control in my life. Won't you visit God's House this Sabbath? Let others share with you His glory and a shining hope for the future.

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Sept. - May  
Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
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Bible Study (Wed).....10:30 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor Jeff Arthur  
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Camp AuSable off M-72 East  
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)  
Church Service.....9:30 am  
Sabbath School.....10:30 am  
Saturday.....10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting.....7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. Gary Hopp  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Chapel Service.....11 am  
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Prayer Meeting.....7-8 pm

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Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ**  
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Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Adult and Youth  
Sunday School.....9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
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Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday.....7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885  
Parsonage 348-2588

Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
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Worship.....10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
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Sacrament.....10 am  
Sunday School.....11 am  
Primary.....11 am  
Priesthood.....12 noon  
Relief Society.....12 noon

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Service &  
Children's Church.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Appointed Pastor Victor Slayman  
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Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

**Community of Christ**  
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Preaching.....11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

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Morning Worship.....11 am  
Tue. Women's Bible Study.....10 am  
Wed. Men's Bible Study.....12 noon

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Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm  
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am  
Family Mass.....10:00 am  
Scripture Study  
(Sundays).....9:15 am  
Daily Masses  
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
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Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am

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Wednesday.....7 pm  
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E-mail: [pastorjim@rlcnow.com](mailto:pastorjim@rlcnow.com)

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
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Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
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Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

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Sunday School.....9 am  
Sunday Service.....10 am

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Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am  
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# Mercy OB nurses have 336 years experience

► National Nurses Week is being celebrated May 6-12

Nancy Wheaton has been a nurse for 34 years, but she still gets emotional when she describes the moment a baby is born. "It's never not been a thrill," she said. "It's a miracle every time -- it brings a tear to my eye just to think of it."

Marj Bodi has been an obstetrical nurse for 36 years. She loves it so much that on her days off she drives to Grand Rapids to work at Blodgett Hospital. You can spot her on the highway. She's the one with the "Stork Mom" license plate.

Wheaton and Bodi are part of an impressive team of nurses who work on the Obstetrical Unit at Mercy Hospital Grayling. The unit's 15 nurses have a combined total of 336 years of service, with more than 244 years in obstetrical nursing. "We're pretty well seasoned," said Wheaton, who is clinical coordinator for the unit. "There's a lot of experience here."

The 15 nurses are among 2.7 million American nurses being recognized during National Nurses Week, May 6-12. The theme for the week, "Nurses: Lifting Spirits, Touching Lives," describes the OB team.

Despite copious years of service, their passion for the work remains acute. "It's my favorite joy in life," Bodi said. "I love the birth process. I'm in love with the whole concept of family. A woman and a man are at their most vulnerable during the birth process. They need all the loving care you can give them so that they're able to give that new little one all the care it needs."

Extensive experience translates into enhanced care for patients, Wheaton said. "The more experienced nurse has seen a lot more," she said. "They know how to manage patients and they are more nurturing. A lot of us are mothers and grandmothers and we've all shed a tear as we watched a couple become a family."

"I just love to see the parents' reaction and the grandparents' reaction to the baby," Wheaton said. "Almost every mother reaches the point in labor when she said 'I just can't do this anymore,' and usually just a few minutes later the baby arrives and they are so thrilled. You see the family going through changes -- things will never be the same."

Nursing certainly isn't the same as it was when Bodi and Wheaton started in the mid and late 1960s. Back then, dads weren't allowed anywhere near the delivery room. "Now it's almost expected that they're going to cut the cord," Wheaton says. Huge advances have been made in prenatal testing and prenatal care, which Wheaton says has dramatically decreased the number of birth defects. "I saw a lot of anomalies when I started," Wheaton says. "Now I rarely see any."

Technological advances also changed the face of OB nursing. Fetal heart monitors, ultrasound and amniocentesis are now standard tools. Bodi recalls working with the first fetal monitors in the early 1970s. "It's been fun to watch that whole process being developed," she says. But as amazing and helpful as the new technology is, it's still people who make the difference, she said.

"I don't think technology is God's answer to everything," Bodi said. "You still need a nurse at the bedside who has a good mind and experienced hands that know what a contraction feels like."

Lots of one-on-one bedside attention is an advantage a small hospital can offer. Bodi works in two venues -- the more intimate setting of Mercy Hospital Grayling, and the large metropolitan setting of Blodgett in Grand Rapids. She likes both.



Photo courtesy of Mercy Hospital Grayling

A few of the many Obstetrics nurses took a moment out of their busy schedules at Mercy Hospital in Grayling to smile for the camera. The entire OB staff has a combined 336 years nursing experience and look forward to celebrating National Nurses Week, May 6-12.

"You have a lot more responsibility in a small hospital. It's friendlier and homier and you have a lot more bedside time. And you get to deliver people you know," Bodi said. "In the big city you have more clinical opportunities. I love to teach the student nurses there and the residents. I've kept in touch with some of them for decades."

Mercy Hospital Grayling, through its partnership with Munson Healthcare, has the benefits of both, Bodi said. "I believe a little hospital has extra angels," she said. "We are well blessed. The Lord protects us and our patients. And we have great support for our pre-term and sick babies from Munson. If we need them, they will leave and be on their way, sometimes even before the baby is born. They are 50 minutes away, sooner if they come by helicopter."

Mercy's OB nurses have worked in many other hospitals, picking up a wealth of knowledge along the way, Wheaton says. Two nurses, for instance, have extensive experience in neonatal intensive care units. Once nurses get to Grayling, though, they tend to stay. "It's a very desirable place to work," Wheaton said. "There's no turnover."

Some days are pretty quiet for the two nurses on duty in the six-bed OB unit. Then there are days such as the one recently when five babies were born in one eight-hour shift. "We were running," Wheaton recalled. Off-duty nurses were called in

and nurses from other floors helped out.

"These nurses absolutely love what they do," Bodi explained. "They couldn't stay with it if they didn't."

Mercy's OB nurses are an extremely close group that Bodi refers to as "the sisterhood." "We have great camaraderie," she said. "Co-workers -- they're better than family. Don't even let anyone think of something bad happening to one of us and all the rest of us are going to jump in and be there. We know how to take good care of each other."

How long do these dynamos intend to keep working? "I'd like to still be catching babies from my wheelchair," Bodi said.

"I know they call it a job, but it's a shame to get paid for something that's so much fun."

Current members of the sisterhood and their years of nursing experience include: Mary Walton, RNC, BSN, 40 years, Marj Bodi, RNC, 39 years, Marie Rohde, LPN, 38 years, Nancy Wheaton, RN, 34 years, Joy Rasmussen, RN, 29 years, Nancy Hodges, RNC, 28 years, Deb Weaver, RNC, 23 years, Wendy Thompson, RN 20 years, Ruth Lewicki, RN, 18 years, Tammy MacDonald, RN, 16 years, Nancy Burgess, RN, BSN, CCE, 12 years, Melanie Cragg, RN, 11 years, Cindy Hodges, RN, 11 years, Lynn Daughtery, RN, 10 years, Becky Grace, RN, seven years.

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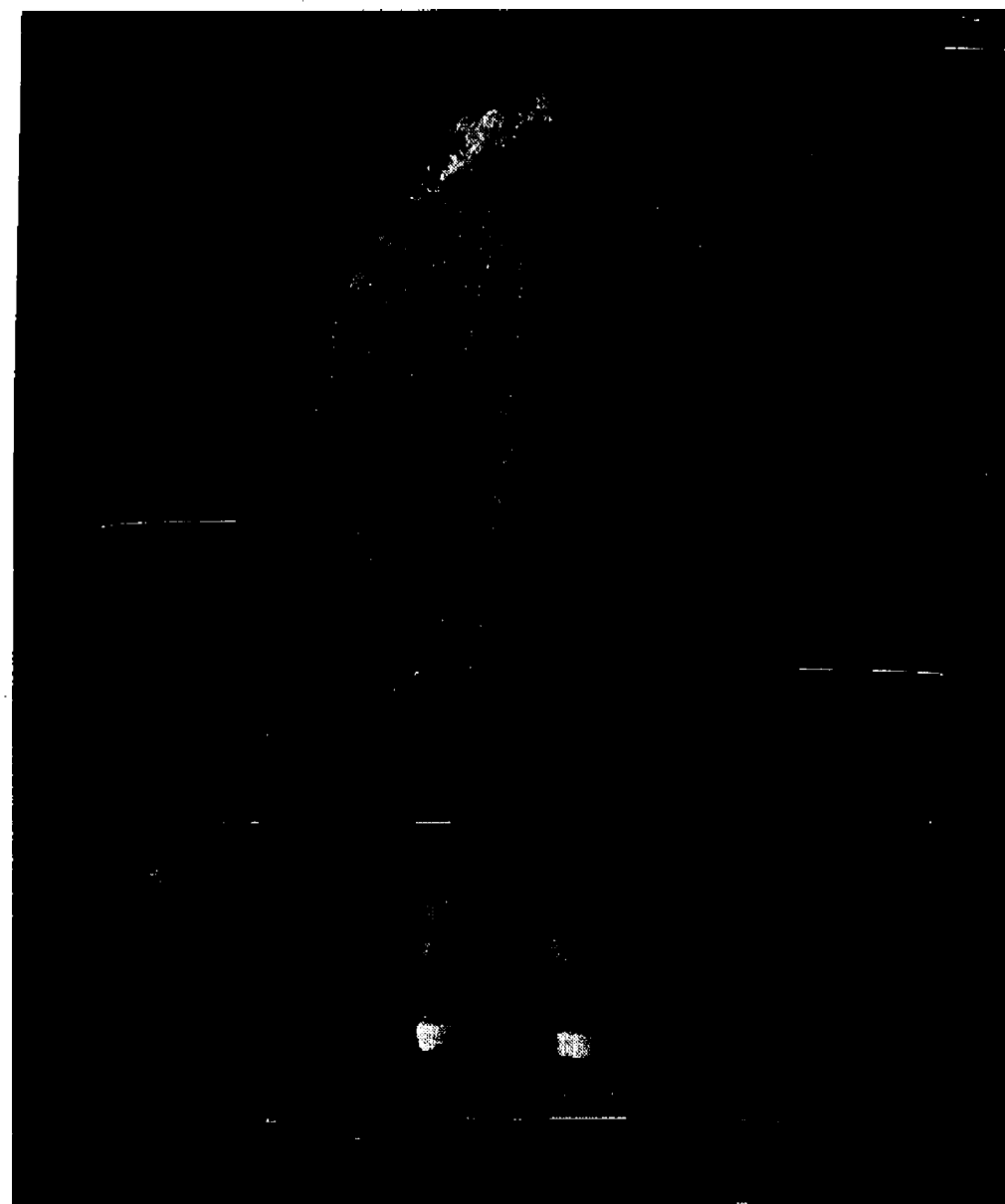
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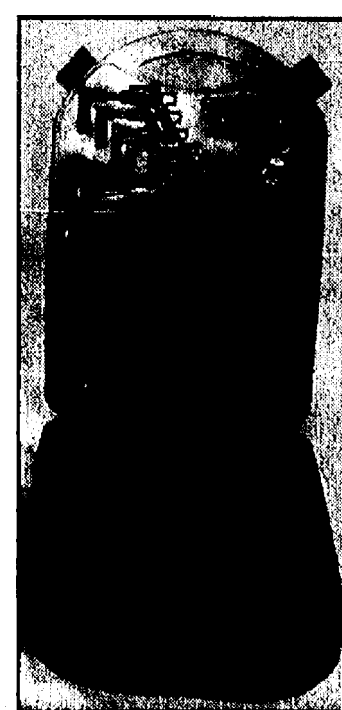
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## Help celebrate 'Be Kind to Animals Week'

For 88 consecutive years, the first week of May has been dedicated to the nation's furred, feathered and finned friends. And this year is no different. Help the Animal Shelter of Crawford County celebrate the 88th annual "Be Kind to Animals Week," May 4-10.

Be Kind to Animals Week, sponsored by Kibbles'n Bits and other Del Monte pet products,

### Make your pet a 2003 'Most Adorable Pet'

Do you have the most adorable pet in Crawford County? Have you caught your pet doing something cute or funny and managed to have a camera nearby -- with film in it? If so, submit your pet's photo to "Crawford County's Most Adorable Pets 2003."

In recognition of National Pet Week, May 4-10, the Crawford County Avalanche will publish a full color section in its May 8 edition.

Bring in your photo, plus a \$10 fee for each photo, to our office at 102 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, or mail check or money order in the appropriate amount to: Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738.

Please submit photos with good color and contrast qualities. All photos can be picked up at the Avalanche following publication or mailed back to you if you provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Deadline for submissions to "Crawford County's Most Adorable Pets 2003" is Friday, May 2 at 5 p.m. For more information, call us at (989) 348-6811.

Remember, this is your chance to brag even more than you already do about your wonderful pet... or pets!

celebrates all creatures and is the perfect time to take an active role on behalf of animals in your community.

"Be Kind to Animals Week is the oldest week of its kind," said Shelter Manager Dixie Lobsinger. "This special week is a time when we can all step back and reflect on the happiness and joy animals bring into our lives. I also hope it's a time that all residents of Crawford County realize the importance of animals and our responsibility for their care and well-being."

"American Humane and Kibbles'n Bits, 9Lives, Pounce, and Pup-Peroni's Be Kind to Animals Week celebrates all animals," said Jodi Lyte Buckman, American Humane's director of shelter services. "It's a perfect time to pamper our four-legged family members and to step back and appreciate the role all animals play in our community."

In honor of this week, the Animal Shelter of Crawford County wants all families to

spend more time with their companion animals, and encourages those without a pet to consider adopting one of the wonderful dogs and cats waiting for a loving home. In addition, here are a few suggestions for ways to show appreciation for the animals that don't live in your house:

- Put a bird feeder in your yard
- Start recycling to save animal habitats
- Plant a bush that feeds butterflies
- Volunteer your time at the shelter

"We're proud to sponsor this year's Be Kind to Animals Week," said Todd Liddman, managing director of Del Monte Pet Products, makers of the products mentioned above. "The week celebrates the important role our pets play in our lives and hopefully will inspire individuals of all ages to share their love and affection for our animal friends."

Be Kind to Animals Week is promoted nationally by

American Humane. Founded in 1877, American Humane is the nation's only national organization dedicated to both child and animal protection.

From its headquarters outside Denver, and from regional offices in Washington, DC and Los Angeles, American Humane provides national leadership in the development of programs and policies, empowering child and animal protection professionals with valuable information and support resources.

For more information on what to do if you suspect animal abuse, visit: [www.americanhumane.org](http://www.americanhumane.org), call the Animal Shelter of Crawford County at 348-4117, or the Crawford County Animal Control Officer or the Sheriff's Office.

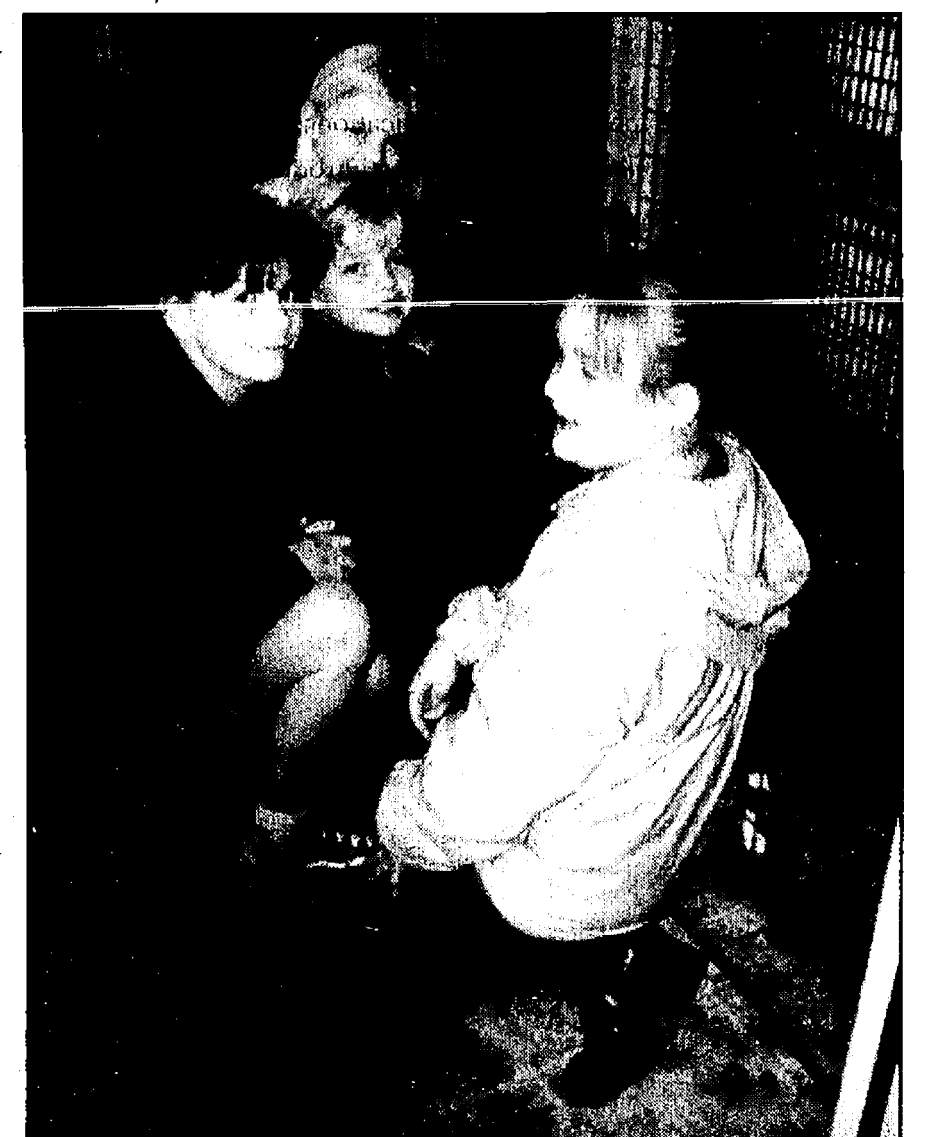
To make a donation to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, send check or money order to: ASCC, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

All donations are tax-deductible.

## Girl Scouts earn badge with shelter visit



Girl Scouts from two Mio troops visited the Animal Shelter of Crawford County in Grayling on Saturday, April 26 in order to earn a merit badge for animal care. (Above) Shelter Assistant Tonyia Brady talks to the girls about how the shelter operates and answers questions about animal care. One of the shelter mascots, Sweet Pea the dog, appears to be interested, too. (Bottom) While at the shelter the Girl Scouts also got to visit with and learn about several cats and kittens being cared for by the staff and hoping to be adopted soon.



## Equestrian team seeks new riders

Attention high school-aged horse enthusiasts: the Grayling Equestrian Team is signing on new riders to compete in Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association (MIHA) events.

Participants must reside in the Crawford AuSable School District, be in grades nine through 12, and are required to furnish their own mount, equipment, and transportation to and from events.

Meets provide opportunities to ride in English and Western classes as well as games and contesting.

District meets will be held at the Ogemaw County Fair Grounds in September and October.

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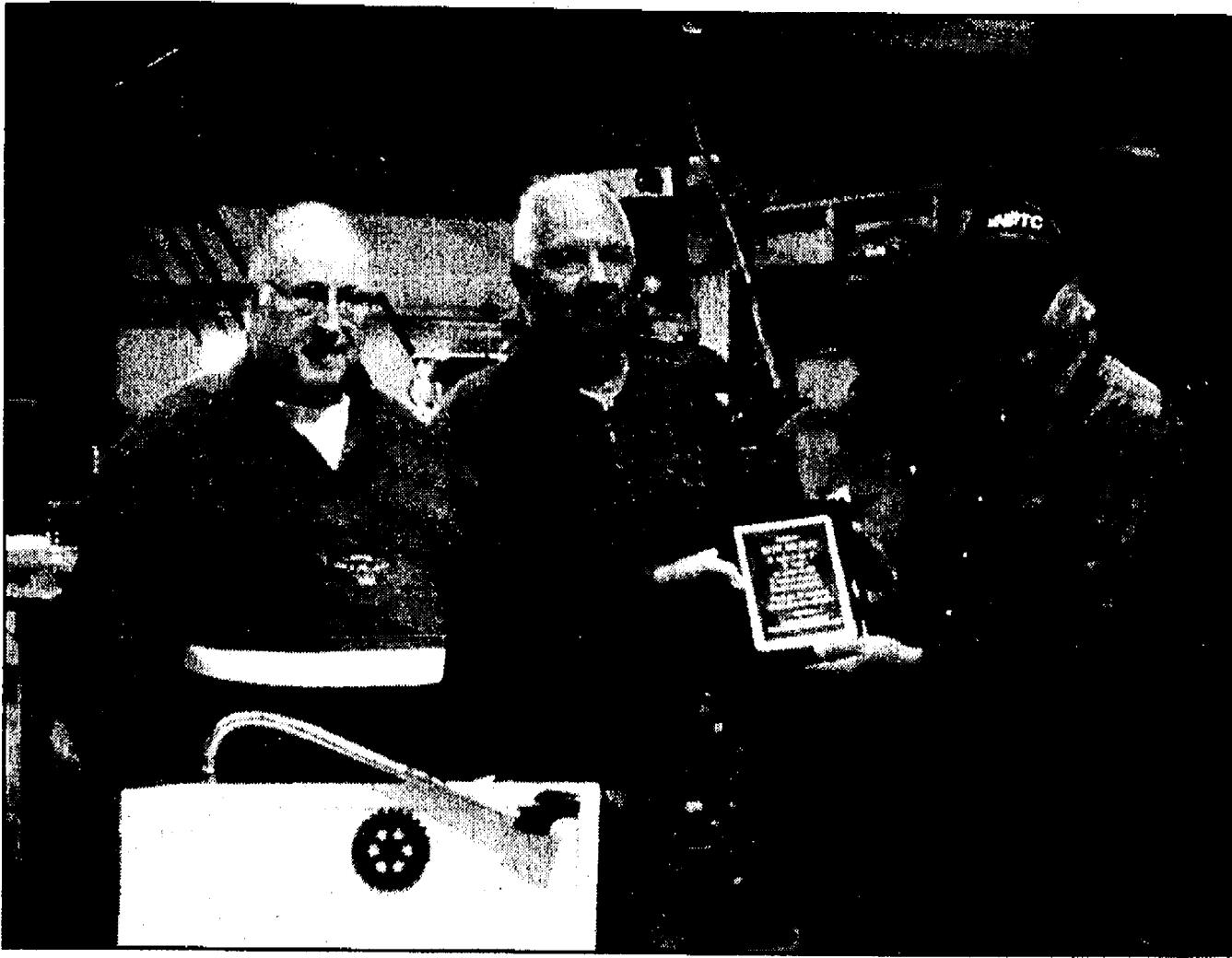
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## Road commission bids farewell to foreman Helton



After 15 years of employment with the Crawford County Road Commission, Garage Foreman Dave Helton decided it was time to retire and enjoy life with his wife Eileen and children. Helton started employment with Crawford County in March of 1988. Pictured is the Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners presenting a plaque of appreciation to Helton. (Left to right) Chairman Ken Riehle, Commissioner Jim Burtch, Vice Chairman John Hartman, and Helton.

## New phone system in place for jobless in northern Michigan

by Corbin Sullivan  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Being unemployed is never easy, but getting benefits may now be easier for northern Michigan residents.

The state has worked the bugs out of its new phone registration system for the jobless in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, and officials say it's ready.

"We were in a silent test phase, but now we're advertising that it's available all across the northern part of the state," said Dave Plawecki, the state director for employment compensation systems.

The system allows toll-free calls from the 906, 989, 231, 705 and 715 area codes. About 20 percent of unemployment claims in the state come from the covered area, according to the state Office of Labor Market Information.

Plawecki said the phone system became available in January, but could be used only for further certification after an applicant had already filed for unemployment.

After receiving official unemployed status, the jobless must check in every two weeks to ver-

ify their continuing unemployment. Both steps can now be accomplished with the phone system, which Plawecki said is far more efficient.

"The key issue here is obviously the convenience to the person," Plawecki said. "We've reduced the process from about six hours, including travel and processing, to close to about an hour."

First-time applicants will spend about 20 minutes on the phone, and an additional six to 10 minutes every following two weeks if they remain unemployed.

The morning after the first filing, the system automatically sends a mailing to the claimant and his or her former employer, again reducing processing time compared to the old system, Plawecki said.

"In effect, what we're doing here is eliminating the paper applications," Plawecki said.

The introduction of the phone system coincided with elimination of the branch office system that had representatives in most counties. The displaced state employees were offered the opportunity to move to one of the three main offices in Grand

Rapids, Saginaw and Detroit, Plawecki said.

The closing of offices and increased automation of the process will save the state some money, Plawecki said, but most of the funding for unemployment services is actually from the federal government. He couldn't give an estimate of the state or federal savings.

"What is driving this is lower federal funding because of their own budget cuts."

Plawecki said he hopes "folks will rapidly switch to this system," but that may not happen, said John Greenberg, Marquette County's human resources manager.

"In the U.P., we deal more on a personal level -- a handshake still means something," Greenberg said.

The simple fact that the phone system is electronic and automated might deter some U.P. residents, according to Greenberg. "We still have people here who object to answering machines."

The U.P. has a 9.2 percent unemployment rate -- three points higher than the state as whole. But according to Yishai Castro, an economic analyst for the state Department of Career

Development, that difference isn't abnormal.

"Unemployment in the U.P. is typically higher, but it's also seasonal," Castro said.

The winter is a down time for jobs in the U.P. and much of northern Michigan with its tourism-driven economy, but jobs always appear in summer, Castro said.

But Greenberg foresees more jobs disappearing when the state enters the next fiscal year on Oct. 1, and deeper governmental budget cuts start taking effect.

"We're going to lay off more in the public sector," Greenberg said.

He said the people who have a problem with the phone system might be hesitant, but they'll have to use it anyway. "They'll grumble, but they'll get by."

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## Alzheimer's specialist to speak

The benefits of early diagnosis and treatment of memory loss will be explained by Dr. Rhonna Shatz, member of the Greater Michigan Alzheimer's Association's Medical and Scientific Advisory Council as well as Chairperson of the Greater Michigan Chapter Board of Directors.

Dr. Shatz is a Behavioral Neurologist with Henry Ford Hospital and will be offering valuable information concerning memory loss to physicians, healthcare staff and community members in Otsego and surrounding counties.

Dr. Shatz will be addressing Mild Cognitive Impairment or MCI, the point when individuals recognize impairments in thinking, and complain about increased distractibility, increased forgetfulness for "little things" and often mood changes.

Dr. Shatz will be at the Evangelical Free Church in Gaylord for a 7 p.m. presentation Thursday, May 1. She will provide current information about diagnosis, treatment and care of persons with dementia.

On Friday, May 2, she will be providing an educational session at Otsego Memorial Hospital for area physicians and their nurses.

For more information, contact the Northeastern Regional Alzheimer's office at 1-800-337-3827.

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## KCC groups help feed bodies, minds

Alpha Omicron Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is sponsoring Kirtland Community College's participation in "Project Graduation: Feed a Body, Feed a Mind," an initiative designed to help alleviate hunger and illiteracy in the community.

## Weight limits now in effect

To preserve pavement life during the current thaw, the Michigan Department of Transportation implemented weight restrictions the morning of April 25.

Full overload permits will be allowed on all state trunk lines south or and including US-2, from the junction of US-2/ Michigan/Wisconsin border to Dickinson County to St. Ignace in Mackinac County.

Weight restrictions are still in effect for the remainder of the Upper Peninsula.

There are no restrictions for legal loads on those trunk lines designated as "all season trunk lines," which are the vast majority of state highways. Extended permits will be valid for oversized loads only on the restricted routes. Permits will not be issued for any loads exceeding 14 feet in width on the restricted routes.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 1-800-787-8960, or access MDOT's web site at [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot) and follow the links to the weight restriction information.

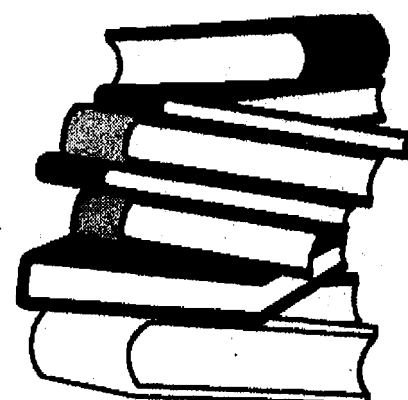
Graduating students and their guests are asked to bring non-perishable food items or books to the college graduation ceremony to be held on Friday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. Donation drop-off sites will be positioned at the college president's office and the lobby of the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts.

After the graduation ceremony, the books and canned goods will be given to St. Vincent De Paul food bank and the Roscommon County Literacy Council.

"Such a simple gesture of bringing a canned good or book to our commencement ceremony will help improve the quality of life in our community," said Charles Rorie, college president. "We are excited to have this opportunity."

Stacey Barnes, director of student services, concurred.

"We are proud to give graduating students an opportunity to



KCC graduating students and their guests are being asked to bring books or non-perishable food items to the May 9 graduation ceremony to help with a community service project.

give back to the community that has supported them throughout their community college experience," she said.

For further information, please contact Kathy Koch, contact advisor for Alpha Omicron Gamma chapter, at (989) 275-5000, ext. 253.

## Rheumatology specialist accepting new patients

Emily R. Lomotan, MD, has extended her services to Mercy Community Health Center in Prudenville. Dr. Lomotan is a board certified specialist in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology.

Dr. Lomotan completed her residency in Internal Medicine at New Rochelle Hospital Medical Center, New York, in 1996. She completed her fellowship in Rheumatology, at Roger Williams Hospital Medical Center, Brown University, Rhode Island, in 1998. Dr. Lomotan has been in practice since 1998, most recently at Great Lakes Family Care in Cadillac.

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## Help disabled, needy vets: Buy a Buddy Poppy

VFW Carl W. Borchers Auxiliary and Post 3736 will be conducting their "Buddy Poppies" campaign, May 1-3 in many locations around the Grayling area.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) on the United States was the first veteran organization to promote a nationally organized campaign for the annual distribution of poppies assembled by disabled and needy veterans.

The VFW conducted a poppy campaign prior to Memorial Day 1922, using only poppies that were made in France. In the 1923 poppy campaign, due to difficulty and delay in getting poppies from France, the VFW made use of a surplus of French poppies that were on hand and the balance were artificial flowers.

It was during the 1923 campaign that the VFW evolved the idea that resulted in the "VFW Buddy Poppy," fashioned by disabled and needy veterans who were paid for their work as a practical means of providing assistance for these comrades.

In February 1924, the VFW registered the name "Buddy Poppy" with the U.S. Patent

Office and a certificate was issued on May 20, 1924 granting the VFW trademark rights in the name of "Buddy" under the classification of artificial flowers. The VFW has made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans.

From the very beginning, the Buddy Poppy project of the VFW has received the endorsement and cooperation of the Director of the Veterans Administration, and the support of administrators and medical officers of government hospitals. All U.S. presidents since Warren G. Harding have conveyed to the nation at large, endorsement and recognition of this VFW event.

Today, VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled, needy and aging veterans in Veterans Administration (VA) Hospitals and domiciliaries across the country. The majority of proceeds raised through the Buddy Poppies campaign are used exclusively for aid to veterans and their dependents.

Buddy Poppy proceeds are not a profit for any VFW unit.

Proceeds are placed in the relief fund and used to support Veterans' Rehabilitation Services; the VFW National Home at Eaton Rapids and assistance to needy veterans and their families.

When you see a VFW veteran

or auxiliary member this weekend with their poppies, remember that they are out helping other veterans and their families have a better way of life. The VFW asks everyone to support our veterans in this worthy campaign.

### In Flanders Fields

by Dr. John MacRae  
(1872-1918)

Officer in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## Big Mack facelift begins, motorists to pay more in tolls

The Mackinac Bridge Administration (MBA) is gearing up for a season of improvements that will extend the life of the bridge with an \$8 million painting contract and implementation of a new, additional \$1 million security system, causing motorists to pay more at the toll booth.

The new security system includes more cameras, motion detectors and alarms strategically placed throughout the structure to deter potential intruders from gaining access.

"The bridge is almost 50 years old. After all these years, the lay-

ers of paint need to be removed and reapplied to preserve the integrity of the structure," said MBA Administrator Bob Sweeney. "We want Michigan's prominent landmark to be around for another 50 years."

The painting project, scheduled to begin in May, will last throughout the season and is part of a series of painting contracts totaling \$75 million over the next several years. The current contract includes extensive paint removal and repainting the bridge.

"As for the new security system, it'll enable us to see many

different areas of the bridge," said Sweeney. "We'll be able to monitor activities around the clock from more vantage points."

Effective May 1, a new toll structure will help pay for the needed improvements: \$1.25 per axle for passenger vehicles; \$1.50 per vehicle for commuters; \$2 per axle for motor homes; and \$3 per axle for all other vehicles (including trucks and buses).

Responding to public comment, the MBA board voted back in December to give commuters a 40 percent discount per crossing. Commuter cards or tokens can be purchased in \$36 incre-

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Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

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Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
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Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

### M-72 EAST

Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	7:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

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Leaves Grayling	11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:00 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	4:30 p.m.

\*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

To Request Weekday Demand Response Services  
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### SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS\*\*

#### SCHEDULED FOR May 2003

##### Trip #1:

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Destination: Victoria's Casino - Petoskey

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## College newspaper earns several awards

### ► Two firsts among several writing awards in State Competition

Kirtland's new newspaper was honored Saturday with six writing awards, including first-place prizes in news writing and sports writing, in a competition sponsored by the Michigan Community College Press Association.

"I am absolutely delighted, but not surprised," said Keith Gave, journalism instructor and faculty adviser to The Paper. "Our journalism students are hardworking,

enterprising and talented, and these awards are a credit to the passion and enthusiasm with which they pursue the news. And several of them have bright futures as news reporters."

The campus paper, published bi-monthly, was resurrected last fall after years of being dormant. Student editor is Josh Ross.

The winners for excellence in the category of Best News Story: First Place - Jackie Hanfin, of West Branch, for her story "Athletes Escape Injury," about several basketball players involved in a car wreck.

Third Place - Nicole Persing, of Grayling, for her story "When Instructors Skip School," about

students' and administrators' concerns over instructors who miss classes.

Honorable Mention - Ruth Ferguson, of West Branch, for her story, "Boldly Going Where No Man Has Gone Before," about the efforts of a Rose City-based entrepreneur starting up a high-speed internet access company in northern Michigan.

The winners for excellence in the category of Best Sports Story:

First Place - Katie Southard, of Grayling, for her story "Glazed or Nutty, Parker Finds Ways to Inspire," a profile on Lady Firebirds coach Jim Parker. Honorable Mention - Patrick

Therrian, of Higgins Lake, for his story, "Hoop 'Imports' Spark Recruiting Debate," a story on the Kirtland's basketball recruiting practices.

Honorable Mention - Jackie Hanfin, of West Branch, for her story, "Families Bid Farewell to KCC Sophs," a story about Kirtland's most diehard basketball fans.

The awards were presented at the MCCPA meeting in Battle Creek.

For more information about opportunities in Kirtland's journalism curriculum, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 242.

## HONORS

### Grand Valley State University

Kimberly (Haske) O'Donnell, daughter of Larry and Rhonda Haske of Grayling, graduated from Grand Valley State University, in Allendale, on April 26 with a Master's Degree in Social Work.

O'Donnell has accepted a position at Spectrum Health - Kent Community Campus in Grand Rapids as Director of the Social Services/Recreational Therapy Department.

### Western Michigan University

Jeremy Matthew Jones was presented with Western Michigan University's Senior Major Award on April 11, honoring his achievement of earning the highest grade point average in the Geology Major Department.

Jeremy is a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School and the son of John and Cindy Jones of Grayling.

## KCC library can help with census data

Ever wonder what happens to all that census data the government collects every 10 years, besides being filed away in Washington D.C., somewhere?

Well, now the data is being turned into information that people can use. And it's all at the Kirtland Community College library - which is open to the public.

References on the census at KCC include: *Gender: 2000 and Age: 2000*, and *Population Change and Distribution: 1990-2000*. Along with national statistics, the library has extensive detailed facts for Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties. It also has "Household Economic Studies" which look at information about *Maternity Leave and Employment Patterns: 1961-1995* and *Who's minding the Kid? Child Care Arrangements: Spring 1997*.

For more information about census data and other research materials available at Kirtland's library, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 246.

## GHS students check out possible careers



In early April, junior Ty Gerow, senior Andy Sloan, junior Larry Farley III and senior Chris Cerelli toured Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) in Plainwell and learned about the vocational opportunities available there. All four students have expressed interest in attending MCTI. The young men were accompanied by Shelly Schmidt, Transition Coordinator at Grayling High School.

## GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

### Third Card Marking Period

#### 9th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Zachary Baker, Orland Dami, Alex Donaldson, Jacob Emmons, Victoria King, Kimberly Long, Reagan Schmidt, Jamie Wyss

##### "B" Honor Roll

Austin Andrus, Katie Baynham, William Beck, Chelsea Currison, Zachary Dean, Sarah Dent, Michael Flynn III, Toni-Jo Gasser, Krysta Golnick, Zeke Hayes, Michael Hoag, Matthew Hough, Shantina Jacobs, Trisha Kinsey, Matthew J. Larson, Matthew L. Larson, Kara Longendyke, Amanda Lutz, Michelle McGuire, Joe Merchant, Jessie Morley, Nerissa Morris, Chelsea Papendick, Kellan Quigley, Drew Rasmussen, Christina Schmidt, John Schneider III, Jill Seager, Andromeda Shunatona, Brittany

Sloan, Matthew Smock, Andrea Southard, Meghan Thomas, Amanda VanNuck, Chelsea VanNuck, Samantha Wakeley, Jeffrey Weaver, Mark Wejrowski, Samantha Wilkerson, Chelsea Wolcott, Ashley Zalucha

#### 10th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Rachel Brunell, Travis Brush, Natalie Christman, Tyler Cragg, Alyssa Farrell, Jennifer Long, Casey Mahaffy, Tracy Payne, Jamie Pinkelman, Rebecca Ramaswamy, Jennifer Tozer

##### "B" Honor Roll

Ryan Schmidt, Chris Secord, Benjamin Smith, Matthew Swope, Jennifer VanNuck

#### 11th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Timothy Domicik, Adam Malone, Jamie Zelek

##### "B" Honor Roll

Lisa Adkison, Phillip Armstrong, Darryl Babbitt, Jr., Jesse Blankenship, Samantha Collin, Roy Czapek, Jeffery Dedafae, Megan Fekete, Kip Franklin, Ashley Halfacre, Sarah Harland, Emily Harvey, Tyler Knapp, Andrew Limmel, Heather Matthews, Allen Molands, Monica Nemeth, Skylonn Palmer, James Pease,

Ashley Powers, Brandon Pratt, Tabatha Rashid, Aaron Roscerans, Apryl Rugenstein, Michael Salyers, Daniel Snider, Tony Thomas, Shane Thompson, Margaret VanGuilder, Joni Welch, Joseph Zelek

#### 12th Grade

##### "B" Honor Roll

Roger Alvarez Jr., Ashley Bancroft, Danielle Beckwith, Ashley Beemer, Andrew Boardman, William Brewer, Kristen Cerelli, Megan Cox, Breck Denewett, Amber Edgerton, Kimberly Erb, Shane Ferrell, Justin Fisette, Todd Gaffke, Jessica Green, Janelle Gregorich, Kenneth Heinlein, Tyler Huber, Kevin Jozwiak, Adam Kaiser, Tabatha Ketchum, KC Kindler, Nicholas Klemish, Sarah Lepsy, Nicole Lutz, Bonnie Mahaney, Brett Mead, Heather Merchant, Amber Moore, Shayla Moore, Tracy Parkinson, Halie Phipps, Shannon Plutko, Jennifer Rusiecki, Monica Safin, Antonio Sala, Kristal Schalau, Nicole Starr, Regina Stocker, Laura Strockkirch, Frank Tody, Jesse VanSlyke, Barbara Wargo

## MILITARY NEWS

Marine Corps Pfc. Darryl J. Hunt, son of Janet I. and Edward C. Hunt of Roscommon, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego designed to challenge new Marine recruits

both physically and mentally. Hunt and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Hunt spent numerous hours in

classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Hunt and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values--honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Hunt and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Hunt is a 2001 graduate of Roscommon High School in Roscommon.

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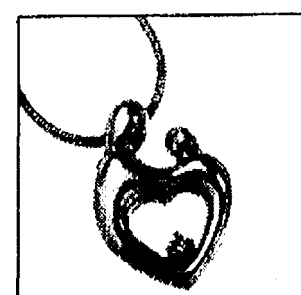
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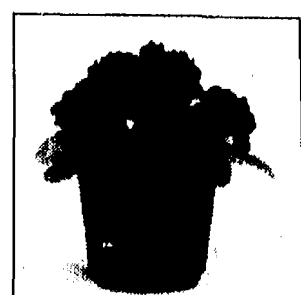
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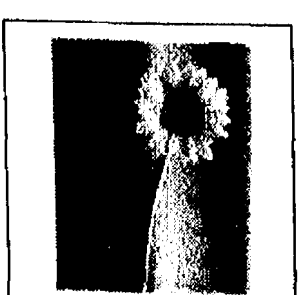
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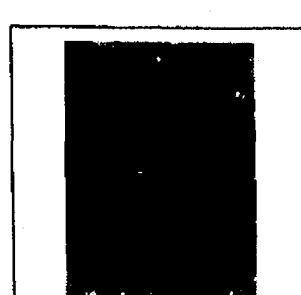
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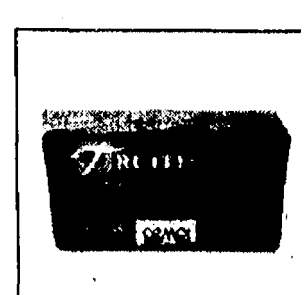
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## Former Lt. Governor passes away

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"As a State Legislator, Detroit Recorder's Court Judge, 20-year Member of Congress and the State's first female elected Lieutenant Governor, she blazed a path for the many female public officials who followed her.

"She was a champion of social and economic justice through her work on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Rights Amendment, among many other efforts.

"All the citizens of Michigan benefitted from her work and should be inspired by her role. We will miss her."

Griffiths died April 22 at her home in Armada. She was 91 years old.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 58 complaints the week of April 21-27:

Six traffic accidents, four non-traffic accidents, one traffic policing, two accidents - all other, one motor vehicle inspection, four civil matter disputes - family trouble, five suspicious situations, nine general non-criminal, one delinquent minors, three false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, three assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, one burglary/home invasion, two larceny, one stolen property, one damage to property, nine public peace/disorderly, one conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest.

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Tammy (Canfield) and Philip Jacobson announce the birth of their son, Scott Philip Jacobson, born February 3 at Dickinson County Hospital in Iron Mountain. Scott weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. at birth. Besides his parents, he is also welcomed to the world by his sister Bethany, age 3-1/2 years, and grandparents Dan and Beth Canfield of Grayling, and Jake and Brenda Jacobson of Conway.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

**Grayling Youth Booster Club**  
Week ending April 27 - \$25 each: Clyde Fisher, Bob Bohley, Carol Conklin, Mike McEvers.  
**Grayling Lions Lucky 13**  
Winner of \$100 for Week 12 (April 25) is Shannon Secord of Grayling.

### Card of Thanks

I would like to thank Dr. Yacisen and his wonderful staff for the care they gave me.

Also, I would like to thank all the wonderful nurses at Mercy Hospital, especially ambulatory surgery and 2-South. Everyone was very kind.

A big thanks to my friends for their cards, prayers, food and flowers. It was appreciated.

A big thank you to my physical therapist, Rick Febey.

Jean Rasmussen

### Card of Thanks

Many thanks to those who expressed their sympathy. Condolences to the family of Frank Nichols can be sent to: Sandy Ploetz, 59380 North Avenue, Ray, MI 48096.

## OBITUARIES

### Jayli Grace Doremire

Dec. 28, 2000 - April 24, 2003

Jayli Grace Doremire, age 2, of Allendale, died April 24 at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She was born in Grand Rapids on December 28, 2000 to Llwyn Anthony "Tony" Doremire, Jr., and Andrea Karine Heinitz.

Jayli is survived by her parents; her grandparents, Diana Doremire of Grayling, and Bradley (Karolyn) Heinitz of Gregory; great grandparents, Hila Buettner of Florida and Nina Doremire of Grayling; her aunts, Julie Doremire of Grayling and Ashley Heinitz of Gregory; uncles, Mike (Bonnie) Doremire of Grayling, Thane (Julie) Doremire of Grayling and Andy Heinitz of Gregory.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Llwyn Anthony "Tony" Doremire on December 17, 1993.

Jesus called Jayli home on Thursday, April 24 while waiting for her third liver transplant. She captured the hearts of many during her short time on earth and will be missed greatly.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 30 at 11 a.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Reverend Jay Thiebaut and Reverend Jeffrey Jagers will officiate. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Liver Foundation (Fund for the Cure-Biliary Atresia).

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### John "Jack" Halley

April 21, 2003

John "Jack" Halley, age 81, of Grayling, died April 21.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 26 at the Big Buck Brewery and Steakhouse.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### In Memory of

In memory of our mother, Helen Harwood, 1909-1995.

Once upon a memory someone wiped a tear, held us close and loved us.

Thank you, Mother Dear.  
Joan, Jeri and Jan

### Isaac Keuom

Jan. 11, 1924 - April 24, 2003

Isaac Keuom, age 79, of Kalamazoo, died Thursday, April 24 at the Alamo Nursing Home in Kalamazoo. He was born in Hart on January 11, 1924 to Joseph and Susan (Sharkey) Keuom.

Mr. Keuom was a professional boxer. He boxed in many major cities in the United States, including New York, where he boxed in Madison Square Garden, Detroit, Chicago, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. He was a Golden Gloves boxer before entering the United States Navy in 1943. While in the Navy, he won the Great Lakes Naval Championship in 1945, and also won the Michigan State Championship in 1947. He was listed in the United States Boxing Record Books and in "Ring Master" magazine. He served in the Navy from 1943-1945 as a Seaman First Class.

Mr. Keuom is survived by two brothers and their wives, Frank (Phyllis) Keuom of Mt. Pleasant and Tony (Linda) Keuom of Kalamazoo; one sister, Elsie Pego of Mt. Pleasant; and by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents; a sister, Gertrude Keuom Baker; a brother, Dennis Keuom; and brother-in-law, James Pego.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, April 26 at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic, Reverend Doyle Perry of the Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene officiated.

Arrangements by Helms Funeral Home, Mt. Pleasant.

### In Memory of

In memory of our beloved Mom who passed away on May 1, 1976.

Every day as we sit in our homes we think of you Mom and we feel so alone. It's been 27 years since you went away and we miss you so much day after day. Life must go on.

As we hear everyone say  
Someday Mom we'll be with you, forever to stay.

Sadly missed by her daughters,  
Linda Decker and  
Waneta Madsen  
grandchildren and  
great grandchildren

### John L. Allen

June 22, 1949-April 21, 2003

John L. Allen, age 53, of Grayling, died unexpectedly April 21 in Ocala, Florida. He was born in Grayling on June 22, 1949. He was the son of John D. and Geraldine (Meyer) Allen.

Mr. Allen was raised in Bay City and lived and worked in Midland until his retirement from 3-D Motors in 1999. He and his wife Francis J. (Grasley) Allen then moved to Grayling.

John is survived by his wife, Francis; three sons, James (Dawn Hull) Allen of Midland, John P. Allen of Waterford and Robert Allen of Saginaw; one grandson, Gavin J. Allen; his mother, Geraldine; his brother, Mike (Glenda) Allen of Memphis, TN; his sister, Susan (David) Harrington of Newberry; special family friends, Don Lown and Michel DeGyves; and many nieces and nephews whom he loved to tease. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his father, John D. Allen.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, May 4 beginning at 1:00 p.m., at the Grayling Moose Lodge on Old 27.

Arrangements by Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Ocala, Florida.

### "Barney" Billy Frank Gidcomb

July 15, 1930-April 21, 2003

"Barney" Billy Frank Gidcomb, age 72, of South Branch Township, died April 21.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 25 at Walsh Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

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## Students promote recycling



In celebration of Earth Day, seventh graders from Grayling Middle School cleaned the city park and river (right) as well as sponsored a recycling campaign where people left material for recycling at the park and the students sorted the materials and put them in the appropriate bin. Approximately 195 seventh graders took part in the project organized by Carrie Kioski.

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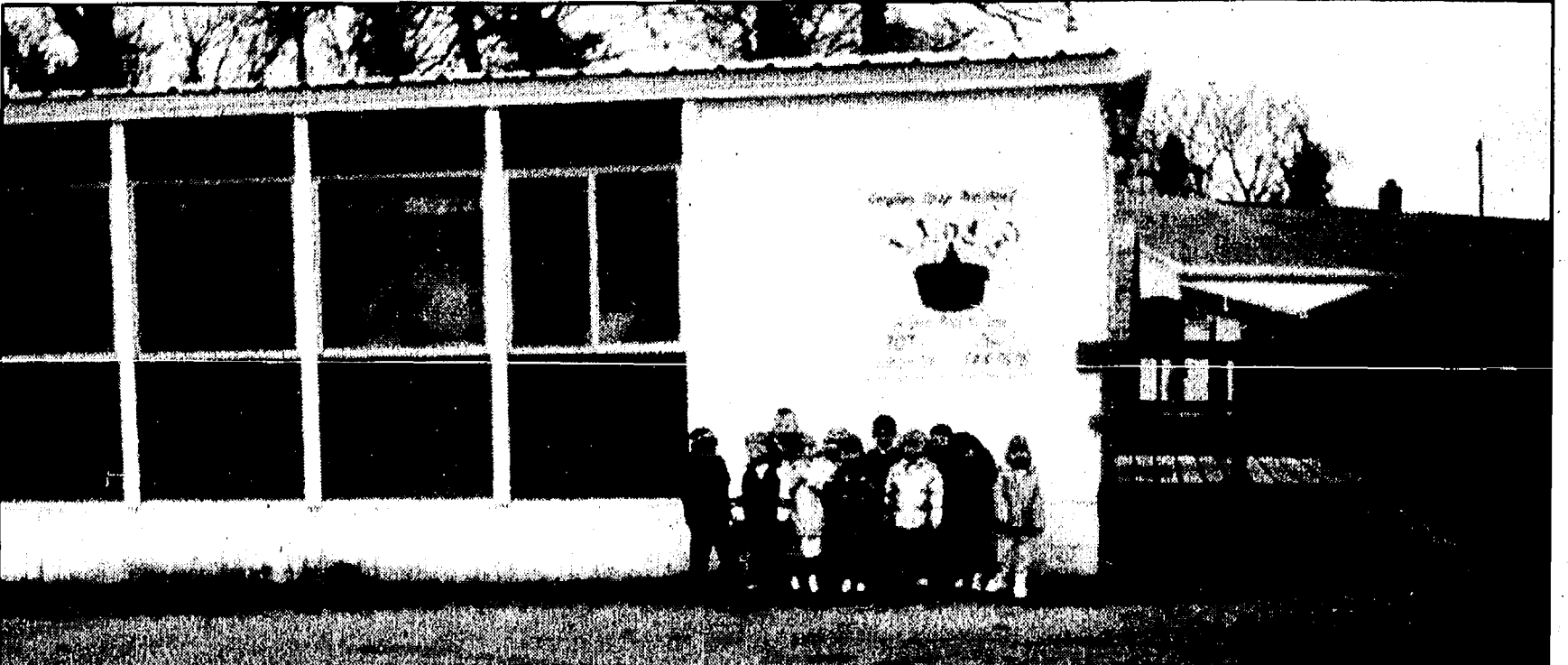
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The Grayling Cooperative Preschool has been in existence for more than 35 years and is in need of renovation or possible replacement. The Preschool's Board of Trustees recently conducted a letter campaign, and through generous support of those in the community, raised over \$1,000 toward the establishment of a long-range building fund. Anyone who would like to make a contribution to this fund, should contact the Grayling Cooperative Preschool at 344-3676.

## Lines still drawn on smokeless eateries

► Proposed state bill would ban smoking from all restaurants

by Corbin Sullivan and Luke Pickelman  
 Capital News Service

LANSING — Nancy Hunt is conflicted.

As the general manager of Spike's Keg O' Nails restaurant in Grayling, she is wary about a new proposal that would stamp out smoking in all state restaurants. But in her personal opinion, it's a step in the right direction.

"Honestly, I would love to see it happen, but from a business standpoint it might hurt us," Hunt said.

The proposal by Rep. Jack Minore (D-Flint) would prohibit smoking in the public areas of all food service establishments.

Hunt is a nonsmoker and said she doesn't have sympathy for the smokers' complaint that a smoking ban would be unfair. "It's their smoke, but it's blowing in my face," she said.

But she said the bill would put restaurants like Spike's that serve alcohol in a more difficult position than other restaurants.

"We serve alcohol, and people like to smoke when they drink, so we could lose customers if they couldn't smoke," Hunt said. "But I believe it's the way things are going."

Minore said that he is following trends to curb smoking. California, New York and Delaware have gone smoke-free in their restaurants. "Michigan should become the fourth."

The entire country of Ireland recently banned smoking in its restaurants as well.

"We used to be able to smoke everywhere -- airplanes, school, at work," Minore said. "The trend is clearly this way."

However, Minore isn't confident his bill will pass the House Regulatory Reform Committee, where it now sits. "Ultimately, this will be adopted, but I don't know if this is the time."

The right to smoke isn't in the hands of the state government, but should be up to restaurant owners and consumers, said Kristyn Sorensen, communications director for the Michigan Restaurant Association.

"We don't need the state telling us what to do," she said. "We feel consumer demand will regulate this."

In May 2002, the Michigan Supreme Court upheld a law that prevents local governments from implementing smoking bans that are tougher than state laws. The case pitted the restaurant association against the city of Marquette.

Tim Zigala, the president of the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, agrees that the state should allow restaurants to regulate smoking on their own.

"It's kind of tough to support something that would affect all our businesses," Zigala said. "I believe it's a restaurant's prerogative."

However, increasing awareness of the effects of second-hand smoke and the fact that most Michigan residents don't smoke should be an indicator of support for Minore's proposal, said Charlie Baase, communications manager for Tobacco-Free Michigan.

"If most people don't smoke, then most people want to be in a smoke-free environment," he said. "Also, restaurants are a workplace, too. You can look at it from that aspect as well." Minore said that restaurant owners he knows who have gone smoke-free on their own have seen increases in business.

"They say that their tables turn faster and that business is great," he said. "Other restaurants are missing the bet. After the initial shock, they will find their profits up."

Baase agrees: "Not only that, but lots of owners would appreciate state laws doing this so they don't have to do it on their own and deal with the smokers."

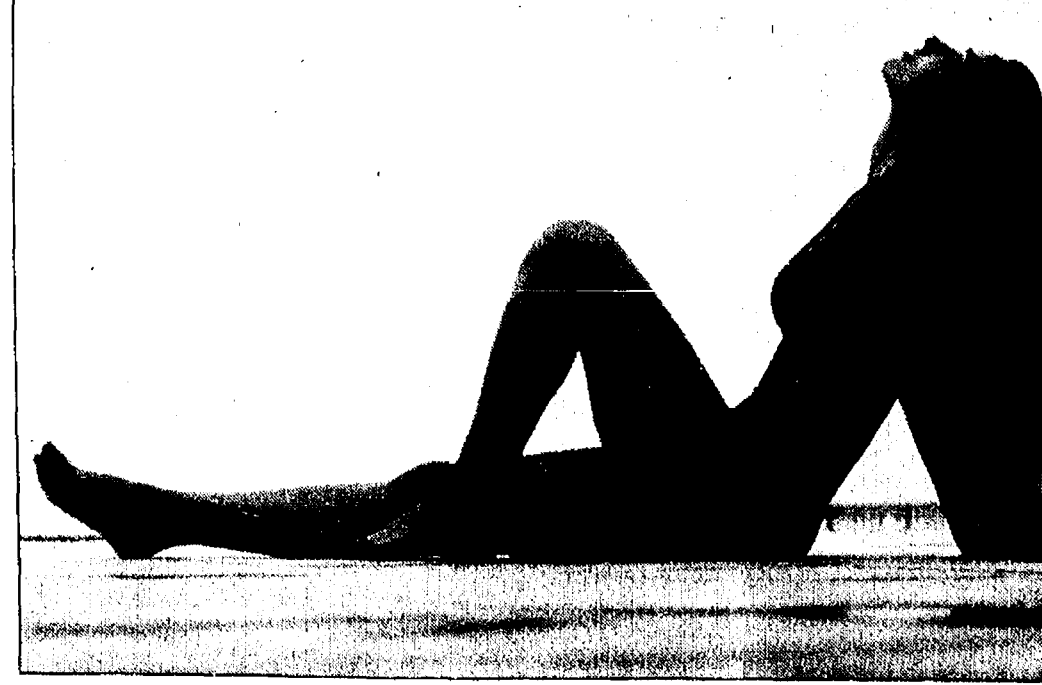
The restaurant association's Sorensen said that restaurants already do a fine job in regulating second-hand smoke themselves.

"Restaurants have invested thousands of dollars into equipment to filter smoke for non-smokers," she said. "We aren't against smokers or non-smokers. We support restaurant owners to make their own decisions which are most profitable for them."

Minore's bill is similar to one in the Senate by Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor). The risks associated with second-hand smoke have prompted the U.S. Environmental Agency to classify it as a cancer-causing agent, along with arsenic, asbestos, benzene and radon. There are between 1,400 and 2,500 deaths annually caused by second-hand smoke in the United States, said Baase.

"It kills," he said. "The restaurant association has had a long history of supporting the tobacco industry."

Minore said that although the outlook for the bill isn't good, he wants a committee to discuss it. "Let's get the debate going."



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## Lawmakers want to slice 'spam' from e-mail

by Jeremy W. Steele  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Emily Carney knows she's lucky.

When she opens her e-mail on her House Office Building computer, she's better protected than many other Internet users.

Although Carney's state e-mail address is easily found on the Internet, she doesn't constantly worry about spam - the junk mail of the electronic world - and all the problems it can bring. She's protected by state government's massive filter, which handles messages headed to the legislative and executive branches.

"I'm well aware of the kind of things that can come across as spam and the kinds of things that come across from unlisted addresses," said Carney, chief of staff for Sen. Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau). "Within the Legislature itself, I have yet to see a virus problem because our filters are looking for all those kinds of things."

No matter the filtering software being used to sort through unsolicited incoming e-mail, pornography and computer viruses, some spam still finds a way through.

But a group of legislators wants to stop even that trickle of junk mail making it into electronic inboxes across the state. Legislation in the House and Senate would require individuals and businesses sending advertisements or pornography to specially label their e-mails and provide a way for recipients to get off their mailing lists.

The House measure - supported by 18 of 19 representatives on the Energy and Technology Committee - would require e-mail advertising to include "ADV" in the subject line of messages, which could aid filtering software in sorting them out. Twenty-one senators - including McManus and fellow Republicans Jason Allen of Traverse City, Patricia Birkholz of Saugatuck, Cameron Brown of Sturgis, Jud Gilbert of Algonac and Ron Jelinek of Three Oaks - have signed onto a similar version of the bill, which would also require pornographic messages be labeled.

But catching those who break the law - the House version would be a misdemeanor charge of up to one year in jail and a \$10,000 fine for each e-mail, while the Senate proposal would carry a \$5,000 fine and up to one year in jail - stands to be the most challenging part. Many e-mail advertisers use fake e-mail addresses, and although they can be tracked back to their service provider, the process is technical.

## Stupak opens district office

Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) has opened a new district office to service constituents in the new part of the First Congressional District.

The West Branch office, located at 512 East Houghton Avenue, is being staffed by Lori (Weaver) Sheltown, a veteran of local government, who worked in the Ogemaw county government planning commission office for 14 years.

Constituents can reach Stupak's West Branch office by calling (989) 345-2258. People outside the local calling area can reach the congressman's office by using his toll-free number, 1-800-950-REP1 (7371).

"The attorney general is going to have to put a lot of resources into going out and catching these people," said Dale Hull, legislative director for Zeeland Republican Bill Huizenga, who sponsored the House bill. "But that's why the stiff penalties are there."

And unless the government intervenes, it's unlikely any anti-spam improvements will take place, said Rob Worth of Grand Rapids-based WMIS Internet. The company provides filtering functions to clients statewide and is working to develop new ways to prevent junk e-mail.

The massive amount of junk e-mail floating across the Internet can slow some servers, and businesses say it decreases employees' productivity because of all the time they spend dealing with it.

"I've got to imagine that the majority of people's e-mail is

goes on, your e-mail address gets out there more and more."

And there's little that users can do to get their names off those e-mail lists. Unsubscribe functions on spam messages often are scams simply to indicate e-mail accounts that are active, Worth said.

The House and Senate bills would require e-mail advertisers to identify themselves and list a mailing address, in addition to providing a free way for people to opt out of future messages.

But even with new state laws, Worth said, it might be impossible to stop foreign e-mail from invading U.S. accounts.

Which brings e-mail users back to where they began: software filters and the delete key.

"I think we just have to deal with it right now and do the best we can," Worth said. "The tools we have seem to take care of the problem for now."

## HOMETOWN NEWS



BU3 (SCW) Johnathan Britten and Jennifer Ayotte

Johnathan Britten, a 1998 graduate of Grayling High School, re-enlisted recently for six more years of military service. His rank is Builder Third Class, SeaBee Combat Warfare Specialist, and is currently stationed with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 on assignment in Iraq.

BU3 (SCW) Britten's duties

include contingency construction and convoy security. He has been on duty in the Middle East since the first of February and is expected home in August.

He is engaged to be married to Jennifer Ayotte of Gulfport, Mississippi.

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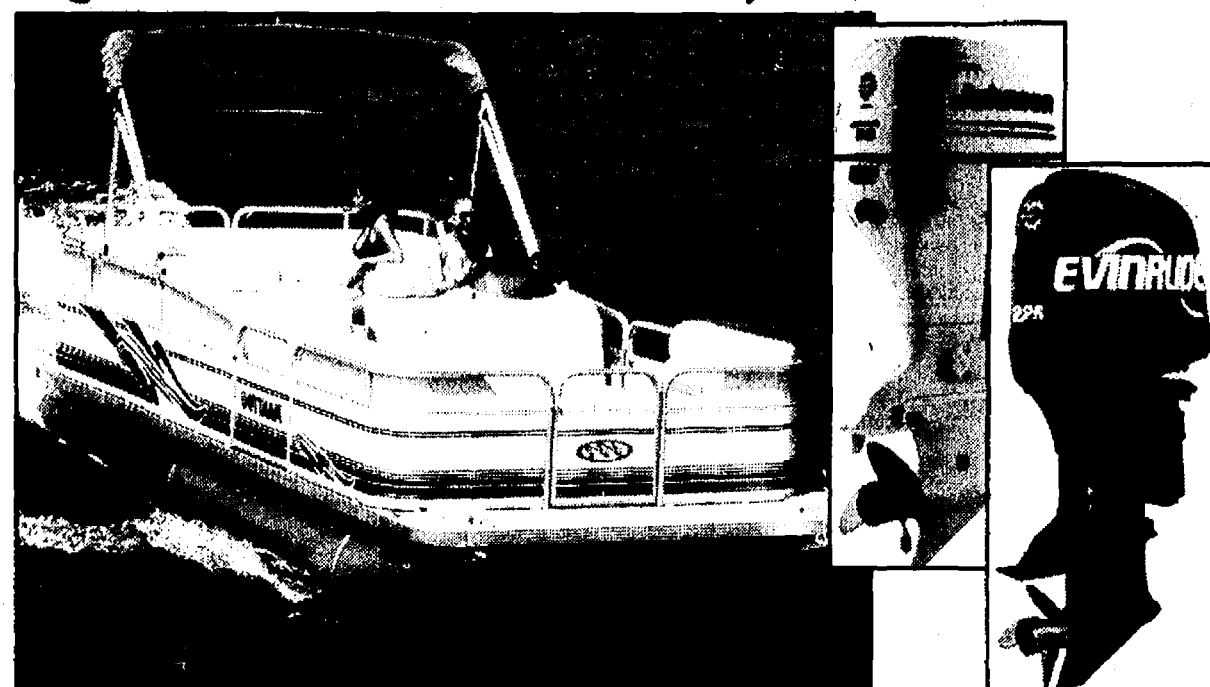
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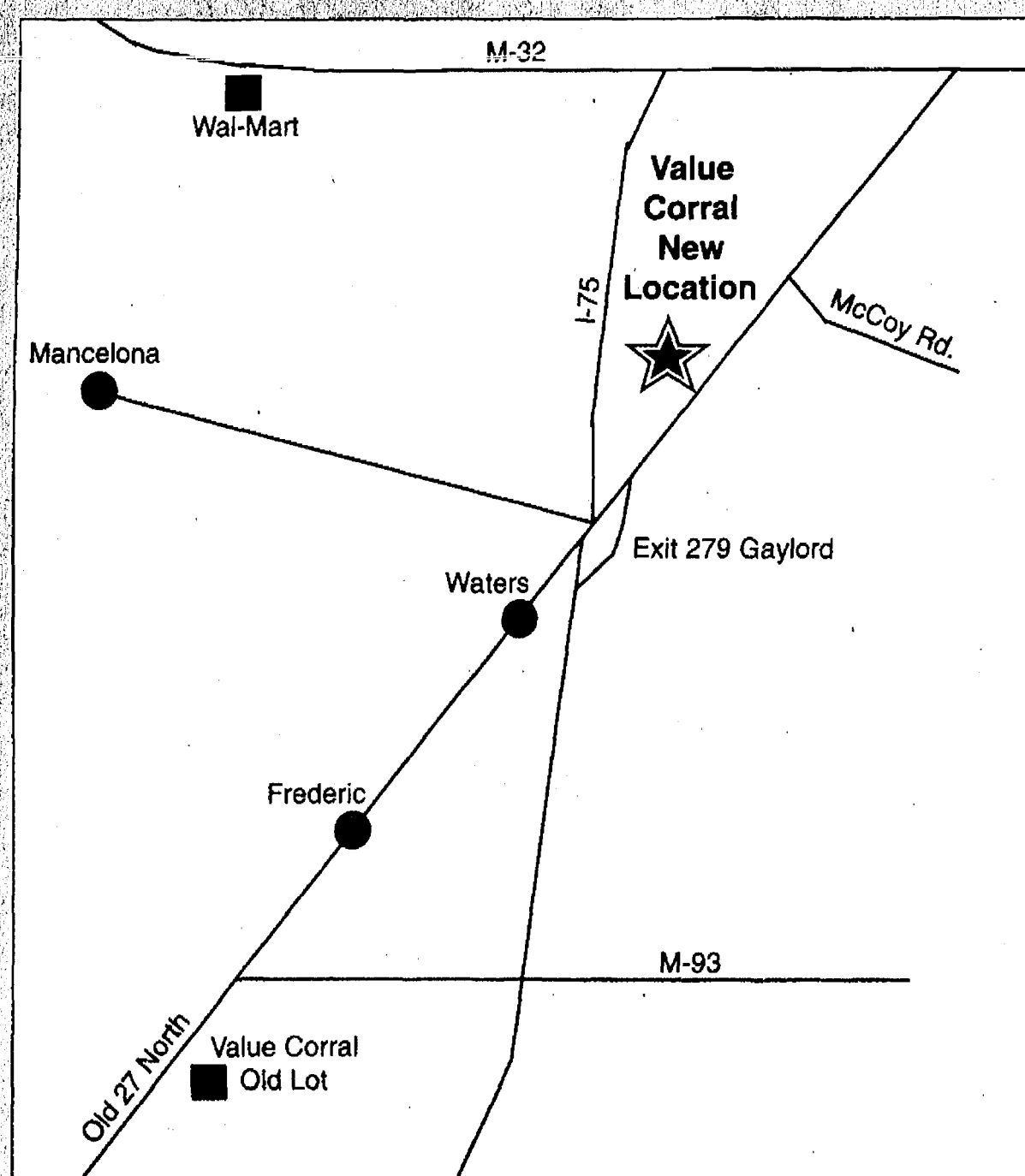
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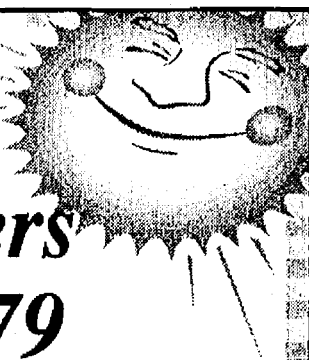


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# COA recognized for 30 years of service to seniors



COA Director Nova Anderson and President Jack Mahank hold the proclamations celebrating the 30th anniversary of the COA in Crawford County.

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Over 100 people attended the party April 10 celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA).

The Honorable Alton T. Davis, Chief Judge of the 46th Circuit Trial Court, attended and brought a proclamation from his court and the Crawford County Probate Court recognizing the good works and selfless service of the COA.

The proclamation stated that the COA is a "vital and necessary agency that has served thousands of our citizens in many ways..." and the current and future need for it is demonstrated on a daily basis.

The proclamation was signed

by both Judge Davis and the Honorable John G. Hunter, Crawford County Probate Judge.

An aide to State Senator Tony Stamas (R- Midland) brought a tribute to the COA signed by Stamas, State Representative Matthew Gillard (D - Alpena) and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

The tribute stated in part, "everyone involved with the commission can be very proud of its thirty year history. Many people throughout the area rely on the information available through this valuable organization. It has helped to create several effective programs to serve senior citizens, family members and provide invaluable assistance with medical information."

# SPIKE GETS A NEW HOME



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

The Myers family was the first to adopt a new pal from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County last Saturday morning on Adopt-A-Pet Day. The family saw Spike's picture at the shelter's web site ([www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)) and hurried over for the adoption. The event was considered very successful, with five dogs and one cat finding new families to love that day.

# Circuit court receives \$113k tech grant

The 46th Circuit Trial Court in Crawford, Kalkaska, and Otsego Counties has recently received a new technology grant in the amount of \$113,095.

This grant will provide the hardware, computer software and connectivity to enable the tri-county court system to electronically transmit case dispositions from the Circuit and Family Divisions, to the Criminal Justice Information Center in Lansing.

Twenty-three new computers for specific court offices in all three counties, network routers, internal courthouse computer wiring in Otsego and Crawford Counties, and the installation of a fiber optic line between the main courthouse in Gaylord and Alpine Center complex was approved.

The court's offices in both Crawford and Kalkaska Counties will be connected to the Local Government Network (LGNNet) through Otsego County to enable electronic transmissions of criminal history information. The court's District Divisions already transmit conviction data electronically.

"The State Court Administrator's Office is also developing a data warehouse for a central name index system for all of Michigan's trial courts," said Rudi Edel, Trial Court Administrator. "The LGNet connectivity will provide access for our local court to that central name data warehouse once the project is fully operational."

These improvements are fully funded by the National Criminal History Information Program and the Michigan Judicial Technology Improvement Fund. The Michigan Supreme Court has committed to pay the monthly operating cost of the LGNet for as long as funding is appropriate. Funding is not required from the local courts or governments.

Edel indicated the State Court Administrator's Office believes this project will greatly enhance the Michigan judicial system, enabling it to operate more efficiently, effectively, and with greater accuracy than ever before possible.

Other local state agencies may connect to the statewide LGNet computer circuit to reduce the overall computer network costs for those agencies.

# Opening on the COA board soon

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Elizabeth Robinson announced her decision to step down from the COA board when her term is up in June. She said she has enjoyed being on the board, but she has other commitments and can't devote the time to the COA that she feels it deserves.

Anyone interested in being appointed for the three year position on the board must be at least 18 years old and should be interested in helping the senior citizens of Crawford County.

The ability to work well with others is also an important asset. The board meets the third Monday of every month and board members must live in the area year around since any member who misses more than two consecutive monthly meetings is removed from the board, according to the by-laws.

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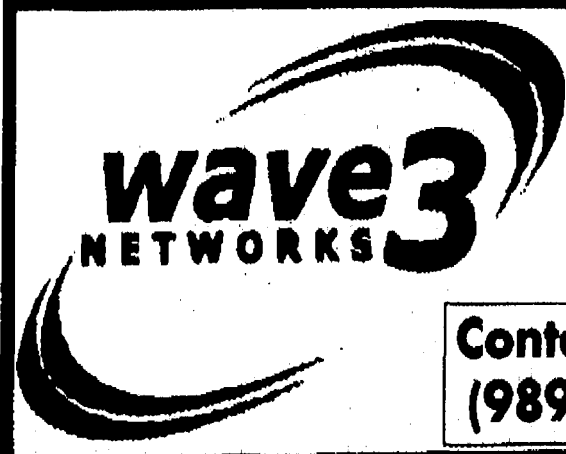
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## Vikings win, tie vs. Elks

► GHS varsity baseball team wins 11-5, ties 4-4 at Elk Rapids

The Vikings of Grayling High School defeated Elk Rapids 11-5 in game one of a doubleheader last Thursday at Elk Rapids. The second game was called due to darkness with the score tied at 4-4.

In game one, Grayling scored three runs in each of the first two innings to lead 6-0. Elk Rapids scored four runs in the third inning to pull within two, 6-4. The Vikings scored two runs in the fourth and three in the fifth to pull away.

Andy Strohpaal, a junior, pitched the first four innings and picked up the win. He gave up three hits, four walks, and struck out six batters. Senior Roger Alvarez shut Elk Rapids down in the last two innings.

Leading hitters for GHS in the game were: D.J. Metzger, 2 for 4, 1 RBI; Greg Morrill, 2 for 3, 3 RBI; Joe Lange, 2 for 3, 1 RBI; Chris Wakeley, 2 for 4; Adam Kaiser, 1 for 3, 2 RBI.

Game two of the doubleheader ended in a 4-4 tie.

Grayling scored twice in the first inning. Kaiser, who reached base with a single, scored on a double by Morrill. Czapek singled to drive in Morrill. Elk Rapids scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning on a double and two singles.

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See "VIKINGS WIN..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Andy Strohpaal crosses the plate for Grayling in last week's varsity baseball series vs. Tawas.

## JV squad splits with Elk Rapids

► Vikings win high-scoring first game 19-10, lose 6-3 in game two

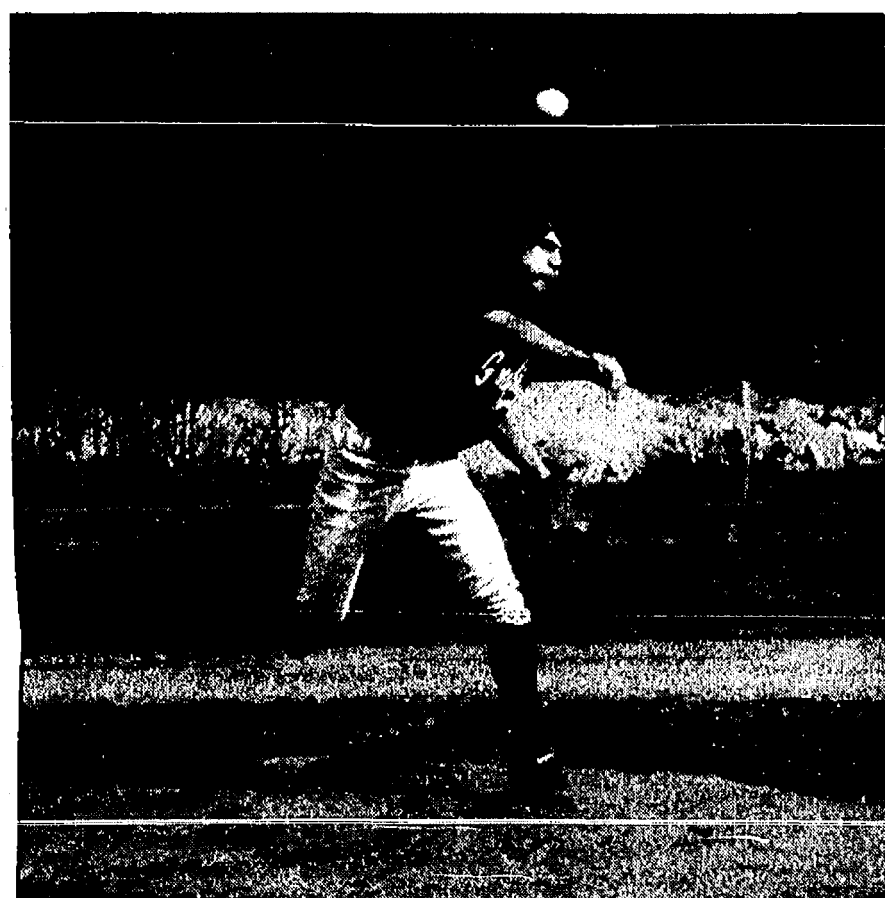
In a doubleheader that featured a slug-fest in game one followed by a relatively low-scoring game two, Grayling High School's junior varsity boys

baseball team split with Elk Rapids last Thursday at GHS.

Grayling won the high-scoring first game 19-10. The Vikings surrendered eight runs in the top of the first inning – due in large part to defensive errors – but they battled back and outscored Elk Rapids 19-2 the rest of the way.

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See "JV SQUAD..."



Eli VanNuck pitches for the Vikings in game one of the Elk Rapids series last Thursday.

## Soccer team hosts West Branch



Photo by Caleb Casey

Grayling defender Emily Dunckley fights for a ball in last Tuesday's match against West Branch Ogemaw Heights at GHS. The Falcons of Ogemaw won the game. For more, see Page 5B.

## Varsity softball team falls to Tawas

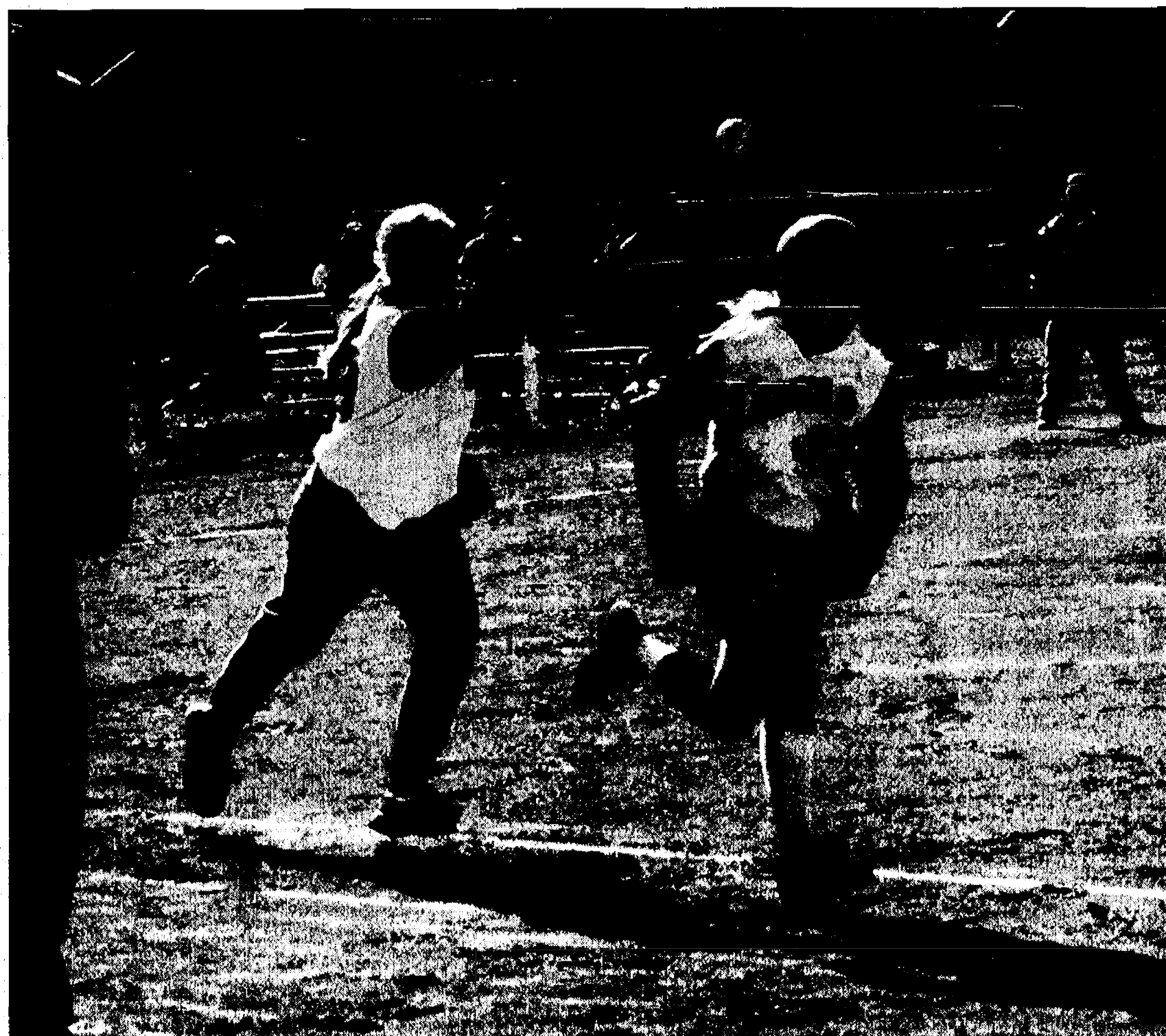



Photo by Caleb Casey

Pitcher Laura Gorski tosses to first base after fielding a grounder in last week's varsity girls softball series vs. the visiting Braves of Tawas. Tawas won both games of the doubleheader. For more, see Page 6B.





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Meet the GHS girls track team – the runners (relay, sprinting, and long distance events): (left to right) Tracy Parkinson, Jessica Green, Briea Frisbie, Justine Tozer, Jenny Tozer, Mandy Czapek, Jodi Riddle, Jennifer Millar, Nichole Millar, Nikki Lynch.



The girls track team's field event (long jump, high jump, discus, shot put) competitors: (left to right) Nichole Millar (SP, D), Jessica Green (LJ), Mandy Czapek (SP, D), Jennifer Millar (SP, D), Jodi Riddle (SP, D), Jenny Tozer (SP, D). Not pictured: Ashley Hawley (HJ).

## Short-handed squad places 5th at Mio

### ► Girls track team wins long jump and high jump events

The GHS girls track and field team – with only seven of its athletes – placed fifth out of eight teams at Saturday's Mio Invitational. Competing schools included Alcona, Mio, Rogers City, Pinconning, Hale, Posen, and Hillman.

The Vikings won two events: Ashley Hawley placed first in the high jump event (4'8"), and Jessica Green finished first in the long jump (15'4").

Grayling placed second in the 4X100 relay with a group consisting of Hawley, Jodi Riddle, Briea Frisbie, and Green. The group also took third place in the 4X200 relay race. Green and

Frisbie placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 200-meter dash.

"Because of a conflict with a band competition, I only had seven girls to compete. The girls did a great job and showed a lot of heart. I am especially happy with the relay team. Jodi Riddle ran the relays for the first time this season and did a great job."

The Vikings competed at Standish Sterling Central last Wednesday.

Placements for Grayling at SSC included: Green, 1st, long jump, 14'2.5"; & 2nd, 200-meter dash, 29.35; Hawley, 2nd, high jump, 4'8"; Mandy Czapek, 3rd, shot put, 27'6.5"; Tracy Parkinson, 3rd, 110-meter hurdles, 19.30; Frisbie, 3rd, 100-meter dash, 14.43.

On Wednesday, May 7, the GHS track team will host Tawas at 4 p.m.



The hurdles runners: (left to right) Tracy Parkinson and Justine Tozer.

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# Vikings win, tie vs. Elk Rapids

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In the fifth inning, Alvarez led off with a triple and scored on a throwing error. Ryan Davis scored on a single by Morrill. Elk Rapids scored an unearned run in the bottom of the fifth inning and one in the sixth.

Leading hitters for GHS were: Morrill, 3 for 3, 2 RBI; Czapek, 2 for 2, 1 RBI; Alvarez, 1 for 2.

Wakeley and Czapek pitched for the Vikings. Both pitchers allowed two runs and three hits in four and two innings of work, respectively.

The doubleheader vs. Houghton Lake, scheduled for last Monday was cancelled due to weather. It will not be rescheduled.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost a doubleheader to the Tawas Braves 10-4, 2-0 at Grayling High School.

In game one, Tawas scored 10 runs (two earned, eight unearned) on 11 hits. Grayling scored four runs on seven hits and stranded seven runners on base.

The Vikings got into a 6-1 hole early with four errors in the first three innings. Tawas scored three runs in the first inning, three in the third inning, two in the fourth, and two in the sixth.

Grayling scored its first run in the second inning. Morrill doubled, pinch runner Andy Strohpaul stole third, and scored on a single by Czapek.

The Vikings scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Czapek was hit by a pitch, Matt Strohpaul walked, and Lee Schreiber singled to load the bases. A throwing error on a hit by Caleb Mead allowed two runs to cross the plate. The Vikings scored their final run of the game on a fielder's choice by Kaiser.

Kaiser was the leading hitter for GHS in the match at 2 for 4 with three stolen bases.

Pitchers for Grayling were Matt Strohpaul, a senior, and sophomore Metzger. Strohpaul, the starter, went five innings and Metzger pitched the last two.

Tawas won game two - a pitcher's duel - 2-0.

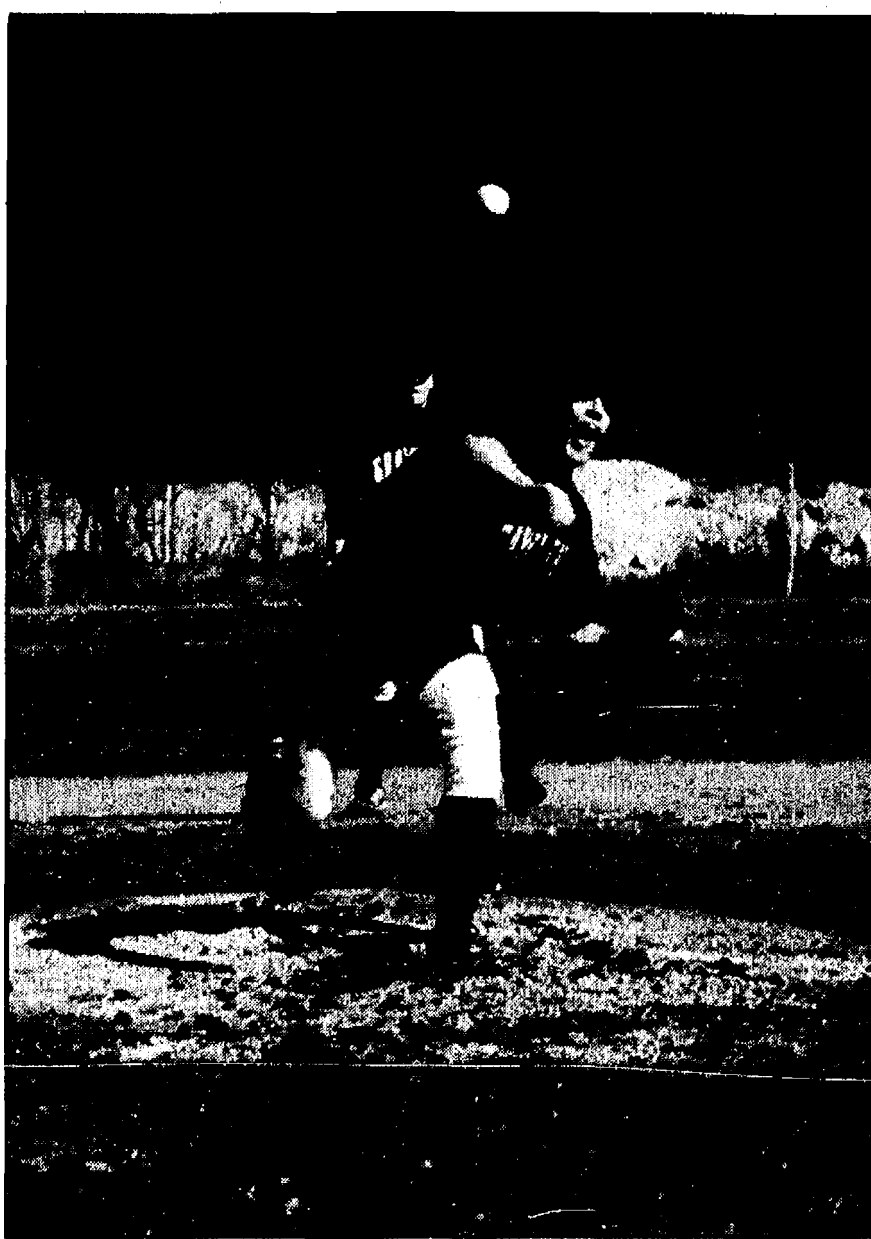
"Singles by D.J. Metzger and Adam Kaiser were the only hits by the Vikings," Coach Bob Gorski said. "Tawas pitcher Jerry Landry, who will pitch for Central Michigan University next season, had 17 strikeouts."

For Grayling, Davis pitched all seven innings. He walked one, surrendered six hits (all singles), and allowed two runs (one earned). "Ryan pitched an excellent game," Coach Gorski said.

Tawas scored one run in the fourth after a batter was hit by a pitch, advanced to second on a wild pitch, and scored on a two-out single. The Braves scored their other run in the fourth inning on a sacrifice fly.

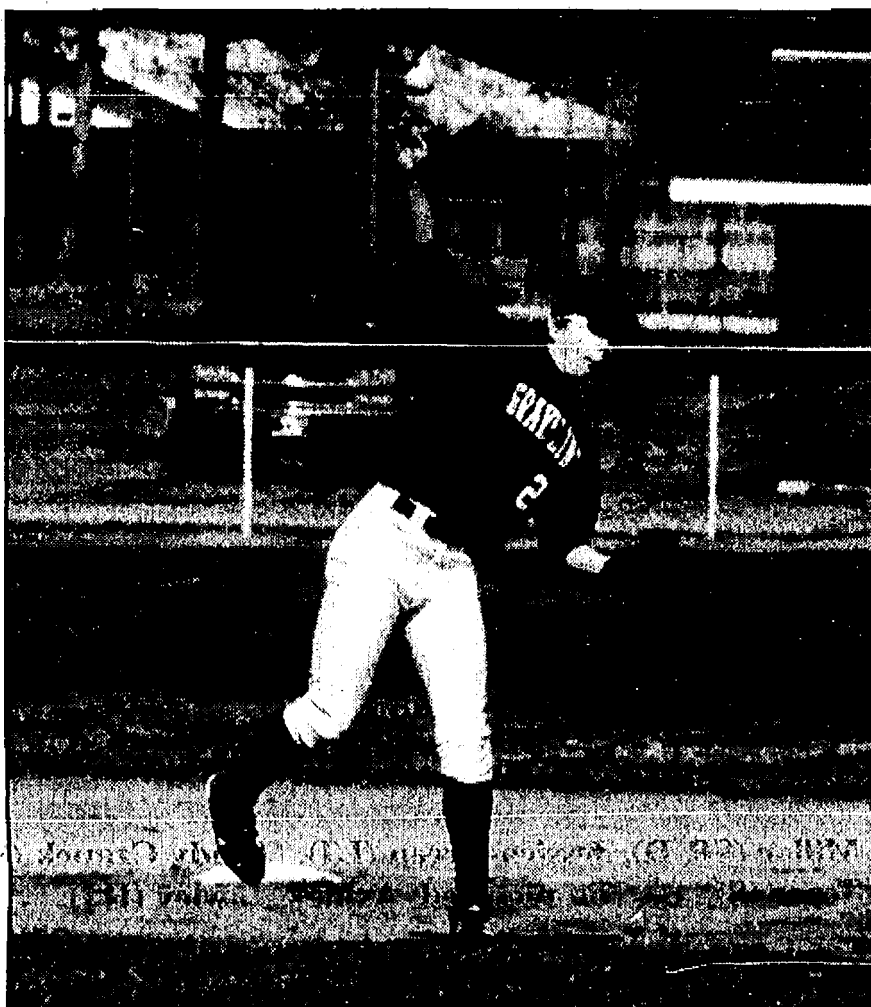
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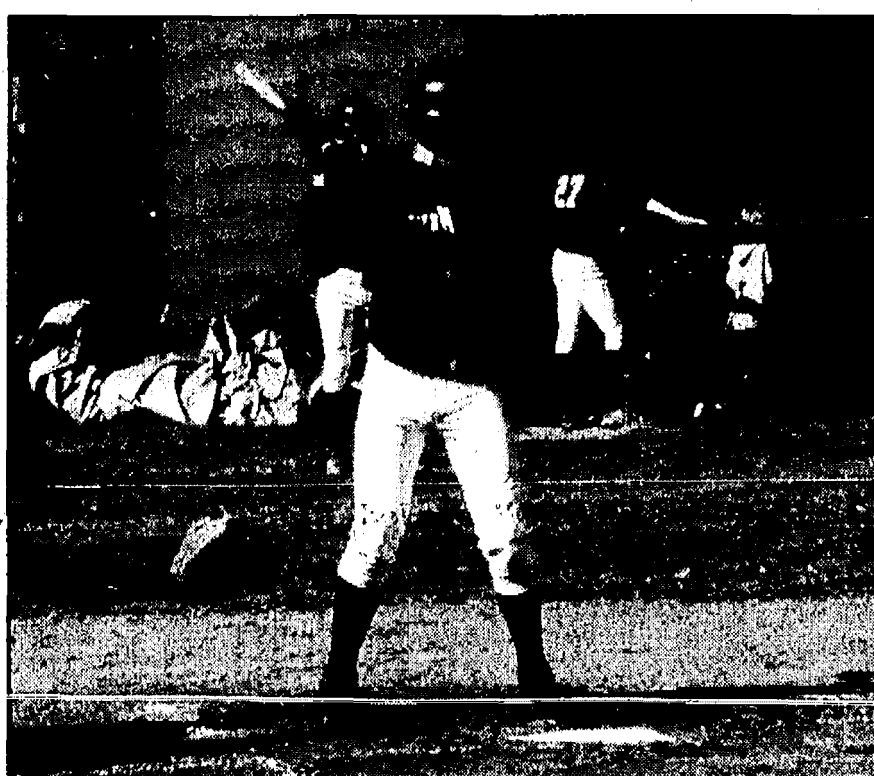


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Matt Strohpaul pitches for Grayling in game one of last week's doubleheader vs. Tawas.



Second baseman Chris Wakeley throws to first base.



Roy Czapek bats for Grayling in the series against Tawas last Tuesday.

## GHS ALUMNI SPORTS NEWS

Brad Gorski, Glen Oaks Community College Baseball

Gorski, a 2001 Grayling High School graduate, batted 3 for 4 with 2 runs scored (game one) and 2 for 2 with 1 RBI (game two) in a doubleheader last Thursday vs. Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Glen Oaks won both games (G1: 6-1, G2: 12-2).

On Saturday, Gorski batted 2 for 4 with 1 run scored in a 12-1 win over Macomb Community College in game two of a doubleheader. Glen Oaks won game

one 5-2.

Glen Oaks has an 18-5 league record, and a 25-11 overall mark.

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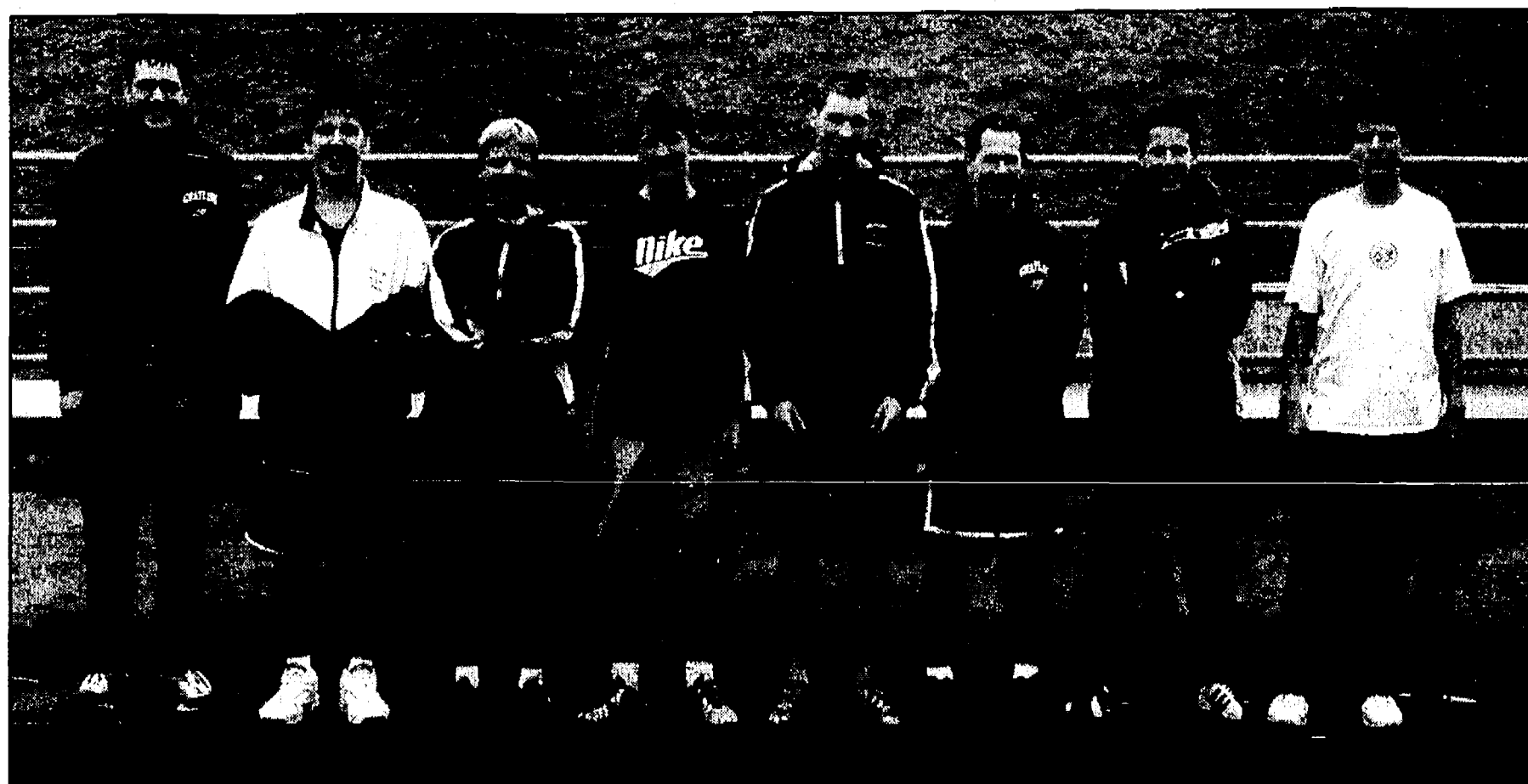
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The boys track team's sprinters: (left to right) Tom Pilon, A.J. Powers, Chris Squire, Brent Gabriel, Pawel Wojcik, Chris Cragg, Tyler Cragg, Ryan Schmidt. Not pictured: Eric Hunter, Kyle Bond, Dustin Parens, Brad Bindschattel.

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## Track team beats SSC 67-62

► Grayling wins 10 of 17 events at Standish Sterling Central

The Grayling High School boys track team defeated the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central 67-62 in a meet last Wednesday at SSC.

The Vikings won 10 events: Tim Umlor, 1st, discus, 121'1"; Eric Hunter, 1st, long jump, 16'9"; Tyler Cragg, 1st, 100-meter dash, 11.8; & 1st, 400-meter dash, 57.10; Ryan Schmidt, 1st, 300-meter hurdles, 46.53; Shawn Gabriel, 1st, 800-meter run, 2:22.5; Reagan Schmidt, 1st, 3200-meter run, 11:52.62; Michael Salyers, Brent Gabriel, Reagan Schmidt, Shawn Gabriel, 1st, 3200-meter relay, 9:55; S. Gabriel, Chris Cragg, Hunter, Ryan Schmidt, 1st, 800-meter relay, 1:43.22; T. Cragg, S. Gabriel, B. Gabriel, Salyers, 1st, 1600-meter relay, (SSC – DQ).

Other placements that earned team points for GHS included: Ryan Schmidt, 2nd, long jump, 16'7"; Pawel Wojcik, 2nd, 110-meter hurdles, 19.42; & 2nd, 200-meter dash, 25.64; Hunter, 2nd, 100-meter dash, 12.09; Reagan Schmidt, 2nd, 1600-meter run, 5:26.37; Salyers, 3rd, 800-meter run, 2:25.41.

"The boys did an excellent job," said Coach Darnell Wilson. "One of our goals we set this year was for everyone to perform at their highest level, and everyone gave 100 percent at Standish."



Photos by Caleb Casey

The throwers (discus and shot put): (left to right) Ryan Feutz, Tim Umlor, Rich Ryan. Not pictured: Jason Phillips, Greg Warren.

"I knew the guys were going to pull this meet out. They did it as a team. Our young guys stepped up big time and did an excellent job. We had quite a few personal bests," Coach Wilson said. "We've got guys stepping up and improving their game every day. That has been our main goal and focus – to keep improving."

On Saturday, the Vikings competed against athletes from 15 other area schools at the Mio Invitational.

The Vikings won one event: Ryan Schmidt took 1st place in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles (45.61).

Other top placements for Grayling at Mio included:

Umlor – 2nd, discus, 130'4"; 4th, shot put, 38'01"; S. Gabriel – 6th (tie), high jump, 5'0"; 4th, 800-meter run, 2:14.47;

Ryan Schmidt – 6th, long jump, 17'06";

Wojcik – 6th, 110-meter hurdles, 19.75;

T. Cragg – 3rd, 100-meter dash, 11.8; 2nd, 400-meter dash, 55.13;

Reagan Schmidt, 4th, 1600-meter run, 5:10.59; 6th, 3200-meter run, 11:32.07;

Relay events: S. Gabriel, C. Cragg, Hunter, Ryan Schmidt – 4th, 800-meter relay, 1:44.36; B. Gabriel, Wojcik, Hunter, Umlor, 4th, 400-meter relay, 50.87; T. Cragg, S. Gabriel, B. Gabriel, Dustin Parens, 6th, 3200-meter relay.

"We had great Viking fan support at Mio. That helped us out," Coach Wilson said. "Tyler Cragg did an excellent job, placing in three different events. Ryan Schmidt had our only first place of the day. The rest of the guys did really well."

On Wednesday, May 7, the team will host Tawas at 4 p.m.

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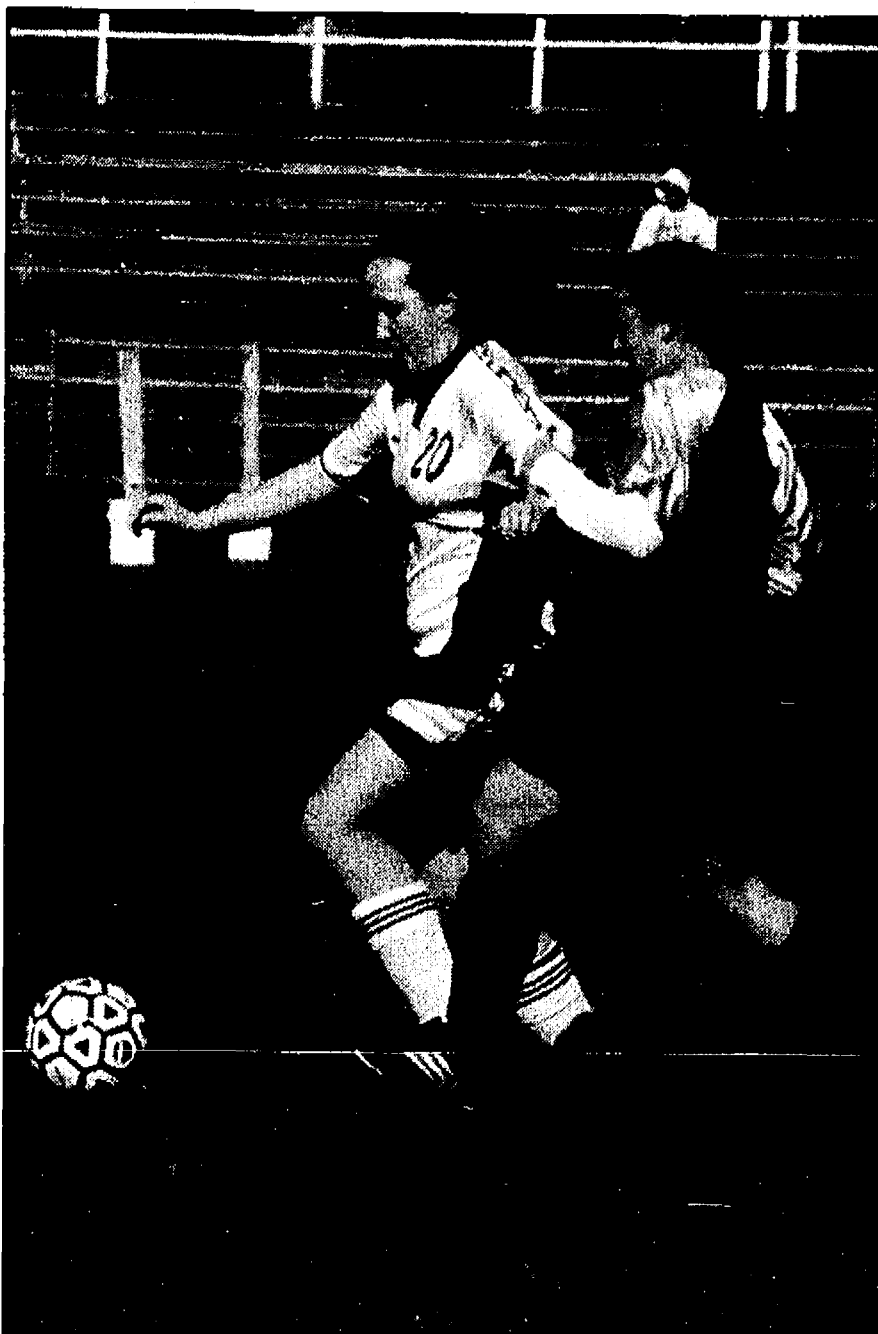
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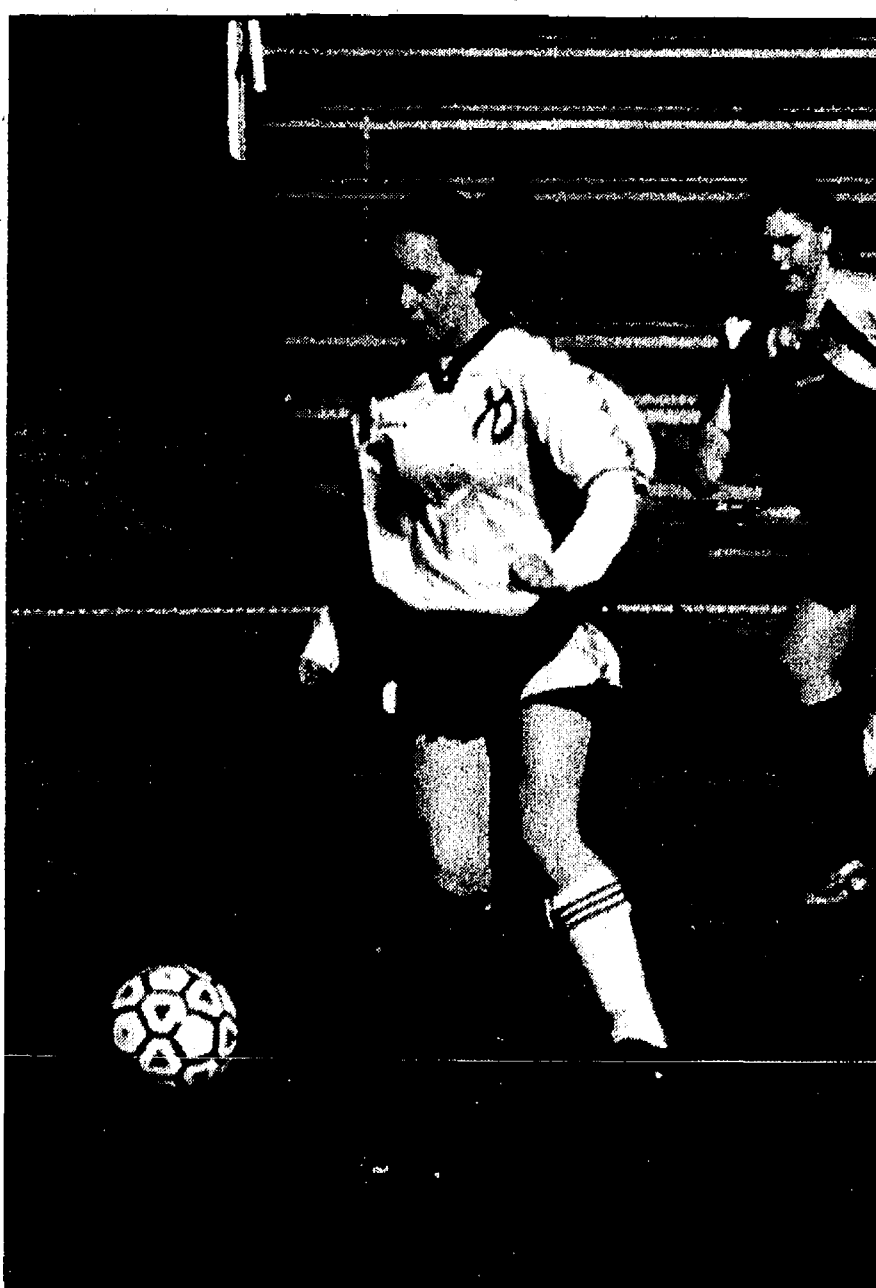
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# Soccer team hosts West Branch



Megan Fekete moves the ball downfield for Grayling in last Tuesday's loss to West Branch Ogemaw Heights at GHS.



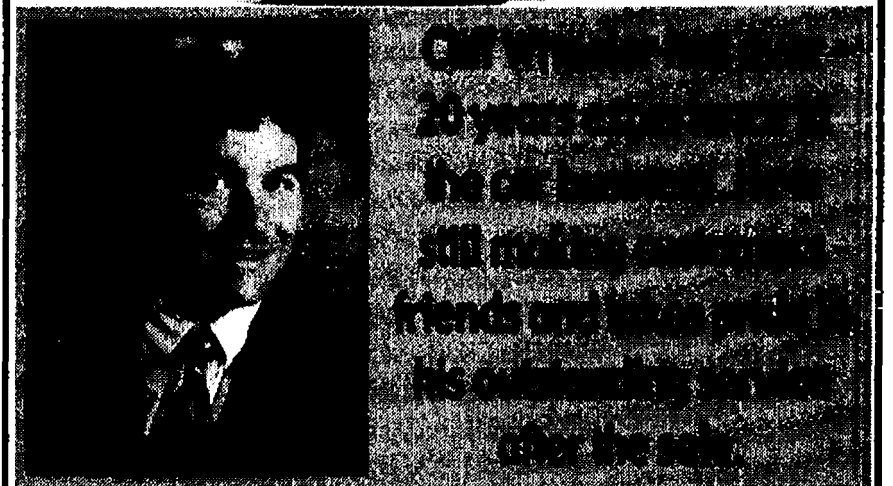
Viking forward Jill Seager dribbles the ball in last week's contest vs. the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights.

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Goalie Ashley Bancroft makes a save in the match against Ogemaw.

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# Softball team falls to Tawas

Grayling High School's varsity girls softball team lost a series vs. Tawas in Grayling 11-0, 18-1 last Tuesday.

"The girls played a tough two games against Tawas. We could not seem to get our bats on the ball," Coach Donna Boughner said. "Emily Harvey scored the only run by stealing two bases."

Laura Gorski (game one) and Chelsea Wolcott (game two) pitched for Grayling. Gorski had three strikeouts; Wolcott struck out two.

On defense, "Emily Harvey did a great job for her first time as a catcher, picking off four Braves baserunners. Kelly Duncley did a great job filling in the shortstop position, having three put-outs," Coach Boughner said.

In the team's season opener vs. Roscommon on April 16, the Bucks defeated Grayling 16-1, 21-5.

Gorski pitched both games for GHS.

In game one, leading hitters for Grayling were: Heather Vandecar, 1 for 2, 1 run scored; and Angeanette Lovely, 1 for 2. On defense, Lexi Bondar had one put-out and one assist and Vandecar had two put-outs and one assist.

In the second game, Heather Metzger hit a double and had one RBI; Wolcott, Patti Martella, Skylynn Palmer, Vandecar, and Harvey each scored one run.

The Vikings will host East Jordan on Monday, May 5, at 4:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 6, Grayling will host Standish Sterling Central at 4 p.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Chelsea Wolcott pitches for Grayling in game two of the Tawas series.



Grayling catcher Emily Harvey tags a Tawas runner in a play at the plate.

## Tennis team competes against TC, Elk Rapids

Grayling High School's boys tennis team lost a competitive match at Traverse City Central (JV) last Thursday by a final team score of 6-2.

For Grayling, Todd Gaffke (1st singles) defeated his opponent 6-

3, 7-5 and Erik Olson (3rd singles) won his match 6-2, 6-4.

"All the matches were really competitive and the boys played well," Todd Gaffke and Erik Olson continued to set the tone for the squad. They both are 2-1

on the young season. Zeke Hayes and Nick McNamar lost a close match at #3 doubles 6-7 (6-8), 6-7 (4-7)," Coach Joe Mau said.

Will Brewer (#2 singles) lost a close match 6-2, 4-6, 4-6.

"We are playing with a lot more confidence, effort, and enthusiasm," Coach Mau said. "Hopefully, we can continue to bring that to next week's matches."

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost a meet at Elk Rapids 8-0.

"We really ran into a strong,

talented, and deep Elk Rapids squad. The boys played hard, hustled down many shots, and competed well today," Coach Mau said. "The matches were closer than the scores indicate. We need to just keep working hard to improve."

Gaffke and Olson lost for the first time this year - 6-4, 6-2 and 6-2, 6-3, respectively. Jason Fekete (4th singles) lost 6-2, 7-5.

On Monday, May 5, the Vikings will host Alpena at 4 p.m.

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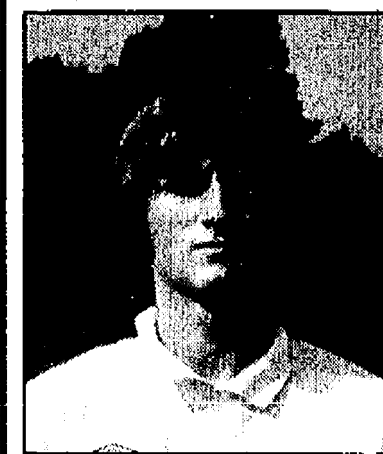
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**Viking of the Week**



**Boys Tennis**  
Coach: Joe Mau

**TODD GAFFKE**

Todd, a senior, is 2-1 at #1 singles for Grayling so far this season and is playing great tennis.

## FISHING REPORT

**Rivers:** Mid-day fly fishing should be good - try using Hendrickson and Borchers' flies. In the early morning and late evening, use streamer flies.

Bait fishing will be more dominant in the early morning and late evening. With worms, crawlers, and spinners, try moving the bait slowly through holes and logjams.

*(Information courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop)*

**Lakes:** Anglers have been getting a few bluegill in the channel at Lake Margrethe. A few suckers have been caught in Portage Creek.

Manistee Lake has been okay for bluegill and crappie. The shallows at Higgins Lake have yielded a few perch. Crappie and bluegill fishing has picked up on Houghton Lake.

*(Information courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop)*

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**Sunday - 1:30 pm**

**Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465**  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron, Grayling

**Thursday - 6:30 pm**

**American Legion Hall**

Post 106 - Grayling



# JV squad splits with Elk Rapids

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As a team, the Vikings batted 19 for 34 (.559) with 15 RBI and 7 stolen bases.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: Gibson Tobin — 5 for 5 (including two doubles) with 3 runs scored, 6 RBI, and 2 stolen bases; Eli VanNuck — 2 for 2 with 3 walks and 5 runs scored; Alex McNamara — 4 for 5 with 3 RBI; James Haven — 2 for 4, with 4 runs scored.

Elk Rapids won game two of the doubleheader 6-3. Grayling was 7 for 23 (.304) as a team in the match.

Leading hitters for GHS in

game two were: Tobin — 3 for 3 (with a home run); Matt Swope — 2 for 3 (with a double), 2 RBI.

"(In game one) we had a horrible first inning where we gave up eight runs, but we showed great composure by going on a 19-2 run. The second game we faced a very tough pitcher and had a decent defensive game, but they simply outplayed us," Coach Travis Huber.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost two close games at Tawas. The Braves won 12-10, 9-8.

In game one, Grayling was 8 for 22 as a team (.363) with 8 stolen bases and 8 RBI.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: Tobin, 2 for 3, 3 runs scored, 4 steals, 2 RBI; VanNuck, 1 for 3, 3 RBI, 2 steals; Jason Strohpaal, 2 for 3, 3 RBI.

In the second game, Grayling was 16 for 30 (.533) with 7 RBI. Josh Hinkle was 3 for 3 with 1 run scored, and 1 RBI; Tobin batted 3 for 3 (including a double and a triple) with 2 runs scored and 1 RBI.

"Offensively, we are a very tough team. We are putting up an average of nine runs a game," Coach Huber said. "Gib Tobin, Eli VanNuck, Josh Hinkle, Matt

Swope, and Bobby Starks have been very consistent at the plate and defensively for us. We are very competitive, but we need to find a way to win close games such as these two."

The Vikings host Boyne City on Thursday, May 1, at 4:30 p.m.



Photos by Caleh Casey

Catcher Bobby Starks looks to throw to first base after fielding a swinging bunt in the game against Elk Rapids last Thursday.



Gibson Tobin hits the ball to left field in game one of the Elk Rapids series.

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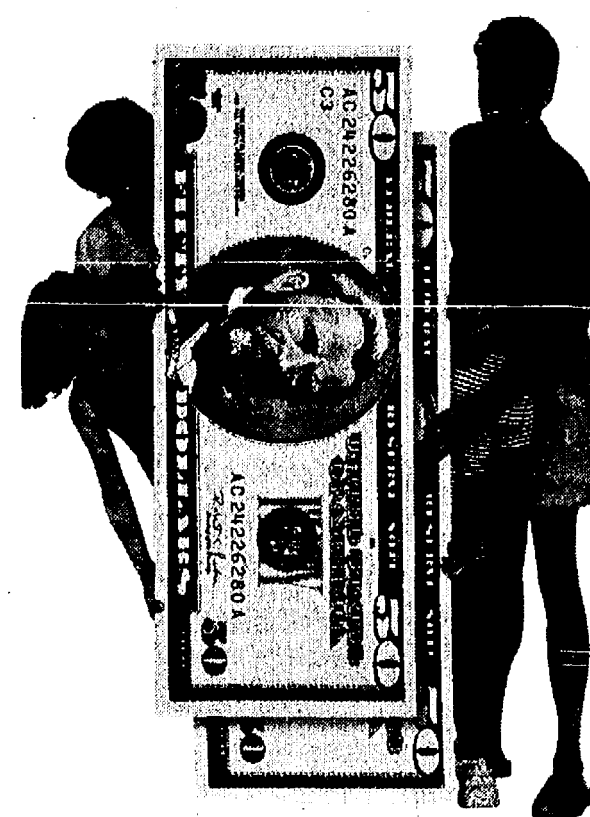


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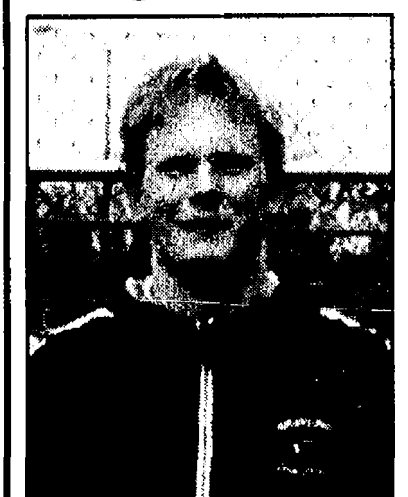
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### 7-Eleven Viking of the Week



Varsity Boys Track  
Coach: Darnell Wilson  
**TIM UMLOR**

Tim won the discus event in the meet against Standish last Wednesday. At the 16-team Mio Invitational, he placed 2nd in discus and 4th in shot put.

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For a complete list of offerings, visit us online at [MERCYGRAYLING.MUNSONHEALTHCARE.ORG](http://MERCYGRAYLING.MUNSONHEALTHCARE.ORG) or call 1-800-33-MERCY (1-800-336-3729)



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### Registration Events:

**Mercy Family Care — Roscommon**  
Senator Michelle McManus is scheduled to attend.

May 12, 4 - 7 pm  
Motivational speaker, 6 pm  
Community kick-off walk, 6:30 pm

**Mercy Family Care — Prudenville**  
May 13, 4 - 7 pm

Motivational speaker, 6 pm  
Community kick-off walk, 6:30 pm

**Mercy Hospital Grayling**

May 14, 4 - 7 pm  
Motivational speaker, 6 pm  
Community kick-off walk, 6:30 pm

After May 12, registration can take place at Mercy Family Care in Prudenville, Roscommon, or Grayling. For registration packets by mail or for more info., call (989) 348-0489 or visit [www.lgmm.com](http://www.lgmm.com).

The community with the most miles logged will be awarded the 2003 Walking Plaque.

Grayling, Roscommon, and Houghton Lake will compete against each other, as well as 15 other communities in northern Michigan. The Governor's Council will award a plaque to the northern Michigan city with the most miles logged. Participating communities logged nearly 220,000 miles last year, and Alpena was awarded the plaque.

During the registration events, free t-shirts will be given to the first 125 participants to register in each community and 25 free pedometers will be given away at the motivational speaker presentations in each community. Free body fat analysis will be available to participants.



## LEGAL ACTION

### Mortgage Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian Calkins and Kim Calkins, husband and wife to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2000, and recorded on November 7, 2000, in Liber 522, on page 346 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy three thousand three hundred forty four and 57/100 Dollars (\$73,344.57), including interest at 9.990% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on June 4, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 27, Skyline Heights, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 32, Crawford County Records.

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 4, Town 31 North, Range 7 West, thence North 01 degrees 00 minutes 24 seconds. East 657.09 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 87 degrees 14 minutes 2 seconds West 330.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 00 minutes 24 seconds East 260.00 feet, thence South 88 degrees 11 minutes 58 seconds, East 330.05 feet to the East line of said Section 4, thence South 01 degrees 00 minutes 24 seconds, West along the East line of said Section 4 to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 1, 2003  
Attorney For: Mortgagee  
Robert A. Tremain  
& Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue  
Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616  
For information please call:  
(248) 540-7701  
Bank One, N.A.  
Mortgagee

-01-08-15-22

### Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Christopher R. Rollins and Amiee Lynn Rollins, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated September 11, 2002 and recorded on October 1, 2002 in Liber 597 page 426, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$51,899.99.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Parcel "P": The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 3 West. Township of Maple Forest. Also a 1993 Fairmont Mobile Home, Serial #MY9488763.

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale.

Dated: April 8, 2003  
Joseph B. Backus  
Attorney for mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
517-337-1617

-17-24-01-08

## LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

### NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CRAWFORD, OTSEGO AND KALKASKA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

#### TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

**THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003, IS MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.**

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerk must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Melvin G. Nunn, Secretary, Board of Education

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY NATURE PARK PARK SHELTER

#### NOTICE TO VENDORS:

Sealed bids on the "GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY NATURE PARK, PARK SHELTERS" will be received in the office of the Township Supervisor, in the Township Office Building, 2090 Viking Way, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, Michigan 49738 until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2003, after which time no further bids will be received. Bids will be tabulated and the Township may issue a purchase order to the successful contractor after approval by Grayling Township.

This project is for furnishing, delivering, and possible erection of one (1) 30' x 36' steel beam park shelter with fiberglass shingles in the Grayling Fish Hatchery Nature Park. Proposals will be accepted for furnishing the park shelter only, erecting the park shelter only, or both furnishing and erecting the park shelter.

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The Township reserves the right to accept any Proposal, and to reject or to waive any irregularities in any or all Proposals. The Township will determine, after reviewing the bids, if exercising the erection option is in the Township's best interest and may or may not contract for the erection of the park shelter.

Terry Wright  
Township Supervisor

## Foreclosure Notice

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Fred E. Simpson, a single man to New Century Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2002 and recorded May 1, 2002 in Liber 579 on Page 607, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the Registered Holders of the ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-NCI, by assignment dated March 27, 2003 and received by and recorded in Crawford County Records on April 3, 2002, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety and 88/100 Dollars (\$184,190.88), including interest at 8.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on May 21, 2003.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Parcel B: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes East, along the North 1/8 line of said Section 24, 412.35 feet to the center line of Twin Bridge Road; thence South 25 degrees 38 minutes East, 645 feet to the place of beginning; thence North 64 degrees 22 minutes East, 353.95 feet to the right bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 34 minutes East, along said river bank, 100 feet; thence South 53 degrees 10 minutes West, 113.91 feet; thence South 64 degrees 22 minutes West, 305.18 feet; thence North 25 degrees 38 minutes West, 100 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West. Parcel C: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes East, along the North 1/8 line of said Section 24, 412.35 feet to the center line of Twin Bridge Road; thence South 25 degrees 38 minutes East, 745 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 64 degrees 22 minutes East, 305.18 feet; thence North 53 degrees 10 minutes East, 113.91 feet to the right bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes East, along said river bank, 100 feet; thence South 44 degrees West, 214.12 feet; thence South 64 degrees 22 minutes West, 303.88 feet; thence North 25 degrees 38 minutes West, 100 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 8, 2003  
U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the Registered Holders of the ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2002-NCI, Assignee of Mortgagee  
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
36150 Dequindre Rd. Ste 810  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
(586) 795-4400 Ext 111  
Our File No: 03-13292

-17-24-01-08-15

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday, May 14, at 6 p.m., in the Grayling Township Hall meeting room, to take public comment on Lake Margrethe. This hearing is for the purpose of general fact finding. Comments can be of any issue that citizens wish to convey to the board, including boat launching, boat traffic, parking, swimming issues, road ends, etc.

Although no decisions will be made by the board during the public hearing, the board will use the comments as a basis for future plans and actions.

Following the public hearing, at 7 p.m., the board will convene its regularly scheduled May meeting to discuss all township business.

All citizens are invited to attend.

Terry R. Wright  
Supervisor

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael L. Alma a married man and Cynthia A. Alma his wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 20, 1999, and recorded on May 13, 1999 in Liber 481 on Page 355 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated April 20, 1999, which was recorded on July 19, 1999, in Liber 486 on Page 290, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Fifty-Seven and 23/100 dollars (\$31,057.23), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be fore-closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 am, on May 28, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: The North 215 feet of the South 645 feet of that part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, lying East of State Highway US-27. Also the North 215 feet of the South 645 feet of the West 659.43 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 24, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #200317471  
Team X

-24-01-08-15

## Paid Advertisement

A huge Corporation called Countrywide Home Loan is so huge that I cannot talk to the same person twice! And they laughed at me when I gave the name of the person that I last spoke to, and with laughter they said there are thousands of people that work there, and they could not possibly know who that person was. They have a mortgage literally only on the north portion of the house. The driveway and mailbox is not upon the mortgaged property.

Mortgage between holder of mortgage known as Countrywide Home Loan, Inc. and the assumer of faulted mortgage is Rex Alma.

Due to a fault in the mortgage contract, I openly believe that no sealed bid should be allowed in the forthcoming mortgage foreclosure sale of the property known also as 4632 Old 27 North, Frederic (with the legal description shown in the accompanying mortgage foreclosure notice by Trott & Trott) due to the fact that the location of the home is not located entirely upon the premises of the mortgaged property description in the mortgage. The property lines are known by survey on record with Crawford County.

The first notice of foreclosure sale is in the April 24, 2003 issue of our local news-

paper known as the Avalanche. On January 27, 2003 I notified Countrywide in writing: "I presently own the property which part of the house is located upon. This certainly jeopardizes or at least may virtually prevent the sale of the home and mortgage in any form of good faith and effort."

Despite endless hours of my talking on the phone and Faxes and letters too, Countrywide says it will not negotiate with me but say that Fannie Mae wants it's money!

Rex Alma, Frederic

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## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Grant, a single man (original mortgagors) to Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger and/or name change to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 11, 1997, and recorded on September 12, 1997 in Liber 437 on Page 582 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One and 87/100 dollars (\$29,621.87), including interest at 8.700% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 21, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

the South 20 feet of the Northwest 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of Lot 5, Block 4, Martha Brinks Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 17, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team W (248) 593-1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
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## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald E. Ray and Gail S. Ray, husband and wife, of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor, to Pines Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 1997, and recorded on April 14, 1997 in Liber 428, on page 96, Crawford County Records, Michigan, which said mortgage was thereafter assigned to Norma E. Daugherty Revocable Living Trust by assignment dated April 8, 1997, and recorded on June 19, 1997 in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Crawford in Liber 432 of Crawford County Records, on page 75, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$9,955.48 plus \$3.93 interest per day after 4/10/03.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed thereon at sixteen and 00/100 (16%) per cent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to County Building in City of

Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Township of Lovells, Parcel E-1: Commencing at the S 1/4 corner of Sec. 27, T 28 N, R 2W; thence S 87 degrees 58 minutes E 330.0 feet along Sec. line, thence N 0 degrees 40 minutes W 393.07 feet; thence N 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds E 526.34 feet along centerline of county road 612; thence N 53 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds E 1034.25 feet; along northerly line of railroad grade; thence N 0 degrees 38 minutes W 658.82 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 0 degrees 38 minutes W 330.0 feet; thence N 89 degrees 49 Minutes E 200.0 feet along center of county road, thence S 0 degrees 38 minutes E 330.0 feet; thence S 89 degrees 49 minutes W 200.0 feet to the point of beginning. Part of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 24 T 28 N, R 2 W, Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Sidwell No. 20-013-024-013-020-06

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: March, 2003  
Norma E. Daugherty  
Revocable Trust, Mortgagee  
Michael A. Nedelman (P35433)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
Nedelman Pawlak, PLC  
32000 Northwest Highway, Ste. 240  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334  
(248) 855-8888  
File No. 1104.802

03-10-17-24-1

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald B. Graham, an unmarried man (original mortgagors) to Rescue Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 16, 2000, and recorded on June 1, 2000 in Liber 509 on Page 51 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Assignee by an assignment dated March 24, 2003, which was recorded on April 16, 2003, in Liber 628 on Page 581, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Two and 04/100 Dollars (\$65,462.04), including interest at 10.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on June 4, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7, Block 10, Original Plat of The Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 1, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team M (248) 593-1306  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #200315652

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### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF LAND AND FACILITIES NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE OF SURPLUS LANDS LAND TRANSACTION CASE NO. 20000281

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2133, Part 21, Subpart 10 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) proposes to sell the following State-owned land or rights in land by auction:

**Crawford County, Lovells Township, T28N, R1W, Section 21; the SW1/4 of the NW1/4. 40 acres. (NOTE: No public road frontage.)**

Bid packages and forms are available on the DNR website at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) under "Sales and Leases." Information packages and bid forms may also be obtained by contacting Carol Larsen, Office of Land and Facilities, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948; or calling 517-373-1240. Sealed bids must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2003, and will be opened on June 11, 2003.

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# FACTS AND FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago May 1, 1980

L. Curtis Haas, Crawford County Sheriff since 1977, will be resigning his post effective in mid-May. He will be relocating south with his family later in May where he plans to continue in the law enforcement profession.

In an order signed April 28, Circuit Court Judge William Porter has appointed Grayling Attorney Alton T. Davis as Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney.

Grayling High School Girl's Track Team will compete this Thursday at Roscommon. Members include Beth Jones, Kris McClelland, Joan Stevens, Diane Lee, Joyce Stevens, Shelly Peterson, Karen Hanson, Jill Headlee, Wendy Savallisch, Brenda Robinson, Diane Savallisch, Jean Stevens, Celina Eshenroder and Lisa Radebaugh.

Ms. Senior Citizens Pageant was held last Friday night before a standing room only crowd. Anne Buron, Ms. South Branch Township, was crowned Ms. Senior Citizen. Judges were Toni Trudgeon, Ted Kotes and Jack Alef. Grayling's "Bertha Parks," Evelyn Shuraleff, was Mistress of Ceremonies.

Congratulations to the Middle School Track Team on its victory over Gaylord and Fairview last Wednesday. Dawn Weatherly broke our school records in both the 220 and 100 yard dashes. Jean Bitner broke her own 100 yard low hurdle school record and tied the record for the high

jump.

Robert H. Howlett, MD, of Grayling, is among 64 physicians who graduated from medical school 50 years ago and is being honored by the Michigan State Medical Society.

Four Grayling High School Band Students and a fifth Junior High Band Student were recipients of special awards made at the Spring Concert on Tuesday evening.

The prestigious John Philip Sousa award this year went to senior cornet player Mary Stewart.

The Grayling High School baseball squad this week launched its 15-game regular season schedule. Team members include Joel Money, Brad Trenary, Jamey Radebaugh, Richard Schreiber, Pat Hickey, Jeff Kortes, Jack Money, Monty D'Amour, Scott Hale, Terry Lucksted, Bill Roach, Jay Schrader, John Junttila, Kevin LaMotte, Jerry Lucksted, Ted Methner, Bill Lucksted, Dan Lucksted and Perry D'Amour.

Grayling High School freshman Jim Kitchen was one of the lucky anglers who braved the elements to "go after the big one" on opening day. By mid-morning, Jim had hooked onto a 14-inch brown trout.

Dwight Mitchell Hendrich, son of the Walter Hendrich's of Lake Margrethe, and grandson of the Harrison Goodhunes of Grayling, was inducted as an Eagle Scout at ceremonies conducted at Grand Blanc. At 16, he was the

youngest of the four young men who achieved this honor at the induction ceremonies.

### 46 Years Ago

#### May 2, 1957

Mike Roberts, son of Conservation officer and Mrs. Clarence Roberts of Grayling hooked a beautiful rainbow on the East Bank opening morning.

Over 200 were in attendance at the Grayling High All Sports banquet sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Those attending included Kiwanis members, their wives and guests, Grayling High athletes and their parents, the coaches and their wives and other guests.

The annual Junior Prom honoring the senior class of Grayling High School will be held on May 11. The planned event will feature music furnished by the Don-D Nones, from St. Louis, Michigan.

The Grayling High Vikings got rolling in their second track meet by swamping the Mancelona Ironmen 70 2/3 to 37 1/3.

The Senior Class of Grayling High attended Senior Government Day at Mio High School. Also participating were the seniors from Roscommon, Houghton Lake, Frederic and Fairview.

Three students were named as the honor students of the class of 1957 at the Frederic Community School. Elizabeth Hamblin and JoAnn Morris were named as co-Valedictorians and Loreli Schmidt was designated as salutatorian.

Playing this week at the Rialto is "Teahouse of the August Moon," with Marlon Brando and Glenn Ford.

### 69 Years Ago

### May 3, 1934

In figuring up the marks for this year's valedictorian, it was found that Virginia and Matilda Engel were tied. The Engel sisters have, through their four years of high school, had exactly the same marks and only two B's apiece-the rest all A's. As a result of this tie there will be a co-valedictory this year.

Trout fishing in general wasn't so hot on the first day of the open season. The mainstream of the AuSable seemed to be about the only place where trout were being caught.

Those who have been saying that spring was just around the corner are sadly mistaken. Here it is the third of May and we haven't seen any spring yet, but we have with us genuine summer weather. From winter to summer is what we got this year.

### 92 Years Ago

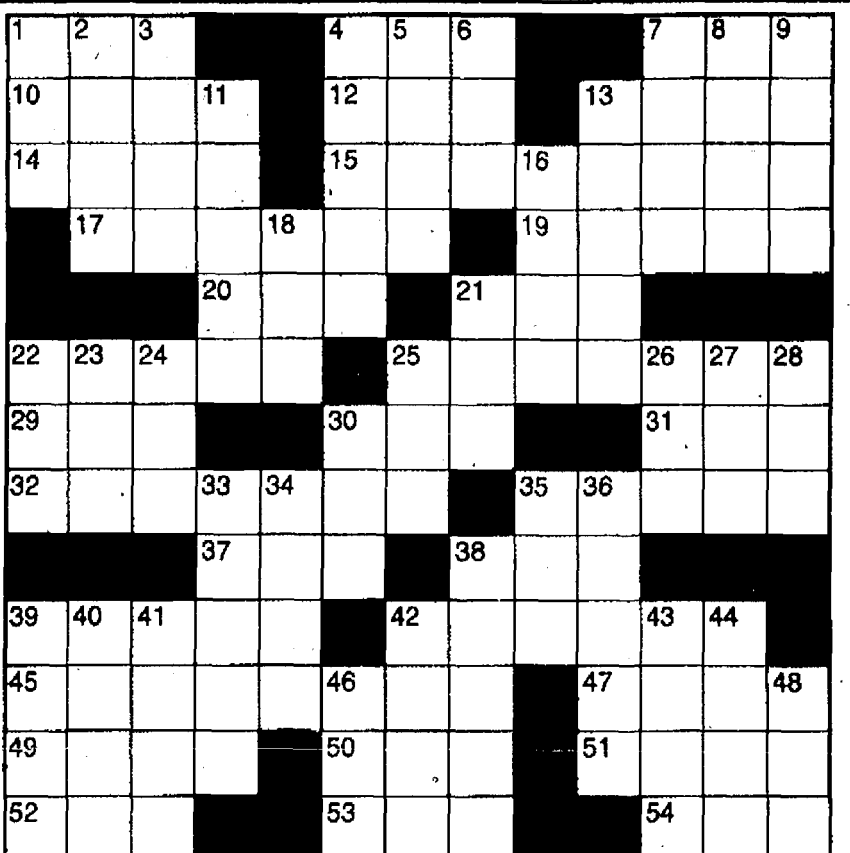
#### May 4, 1911

More than a hundred passengers took the Lewiston train Monday for the fishing on the North Branch, and other hundreds have stopped here for the mainstream. There are many ladies in the party and the cold rain and snow is not especially conducive to their pleasure.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Sisters of Mercy have taken charge of our new hospital and will in the future be conducting it.

Between last Saturday and Tuesday morning the mercury registered from 78 degrees down to 28 degrees, and in that time there was 2 1/2 inches of rainfall and two inches of snow. Beautiful May weather.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Roadie's burden
4. TV's Grant
7. Police notice: abbr.
10. Maglie et. al.
12. Gives the nod
13. Was dressed in
14. Scenery object
15. Rivet, catch or clasp
17. Garrett Morris' "Hunter" role
19. Bungling
20. Affectedly shy
21. Quayle's st.
22. Chatty
25. Discomposed
29. Cinnabar, e.g.
30. Film company letters
31. Coach Parseghian
32. Cleaning liquid
35. Spring-blooming annual
37. Chicago White \_\_\_\_\_
38. Long time
39. "Lost in \_\_\_\_\_"
42. Seeing socially
45. Haughty
47. Threshold
49. Aroma
50. Kilmer of The Saint
51. Author Kazan
52. Vane dir.
53. Navy off.
54. Lesson

### DOWN

1. Sacred snake of Egypt
2. Planet with canals
3. Dropping-in-water sound
4. Exalted
5. Not good, not bad
6. Ocean vessel initials
7. Top quality
8. Get ready for surgery
9. Comic Lahr
11. Part of the Enterprise crew
13. Makes one's way
16. Nancy Sinatra's sister
18. Banjo man Clark
21. FC maker
22. Done \_\_\_\_\_ turn (2 wds.)
23. Provide guns
24. Moon vehicle: abbr.
25. Ottoman official
26. Solo of Star Wars
27. Bitter vetch
28. "\_\_\_\_\_ Tripper" (Beatles)
30. Mingle
33. Radioman's "O"
34. Coward who was knighted
35. Kettle
36. Liqueur flavoring
38. Holliman and Scruggs
39. Clumsy boat
40. Tablets
41. Declare
42. Cain of "Lois & Clark"
43. Karnak's river
44. Unconstrained
46. "\_\_\_\_\_ Grown Accustomed To Her Face"
48. Workroom, for short

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



**SALSA CATFISH**

6 U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish fillets, 6 and garlic salt. Prepare a hot fire. to 8 ounces each

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground white When ready to grill, place fish on an oiled perforated grill rack. Grill until fish is opaque and flakes when tested with a fork, about 10 minutes per inch of thickness, turning once halfway through cooking.

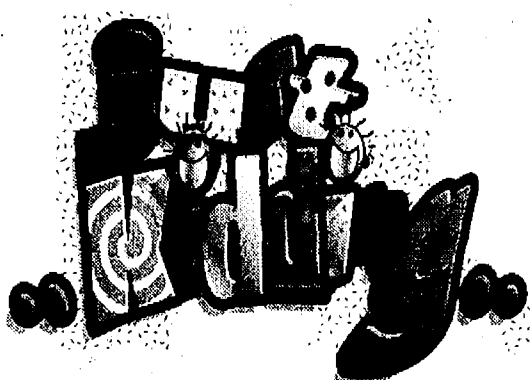
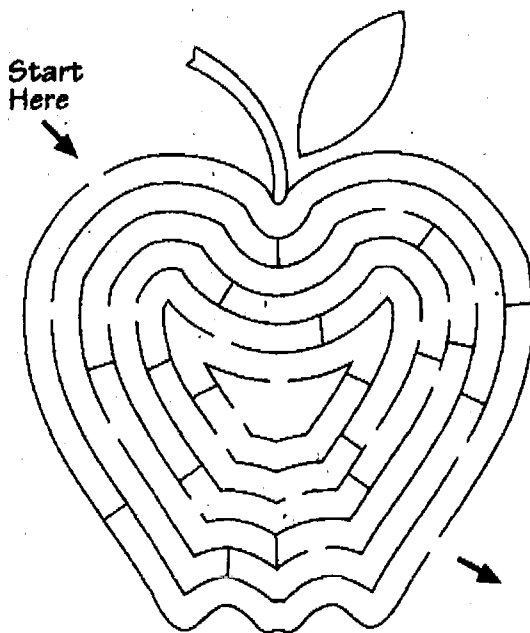
3/4 teaspoon garlic salt

2 cups of your favorite prepared salsa

Serve the fish topped with salsa.

Sprinkle the fillets with the pepper Serves 6.

## MAZE

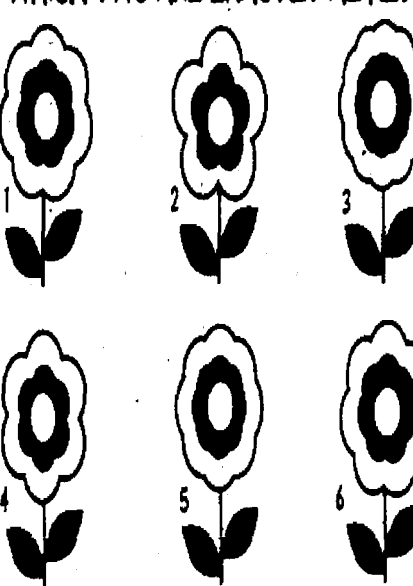


## DID YOU KNOW

At one time in China, geese were given as a present to newlyweds because geese are said to be faithful to each other.

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## Adopt a Pet



Ike and his brother Mike are four month old puppies who look like they will grow into very large dogs. They are neutered and have all their vaccinations. We believe they are probably collie/shepherd crosses. Nice pups. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter was especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, and Wild Animal-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain
4/23	45	24	0
4/24	56	23	0
4/25	65	23	0
4/26	55	26	0
4/27	54	27	0
4/28	72	45	0
4/29	70	30	0

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 54	High 57	High 53	High 57	High 59	High 60
Low 39	Low 36	Low 30	Low 33	Low 37	Low 37
Mostly Cloudy	Light Rain	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy

# HOROSCOPES

For the Week of May 1, 2003

**ARIES**

You just received a promotion and you're feeling on top of the world. Take advantage of your newfound confidence to try a few things you've always wanted to do but never had the courage to do.

December 22-January 19

**TAURUS**

A financial deal is in the making. Investigate it carefully before investing in it; there is a lot you do not know. A friend asks for a favor; go ahead and say yes.

March 21-April 19

**GEMINI**

A family member makes a startling announcement. Don't let your skepticism get the best of you and keep you from sharing in their happiness.

June 22-July 22

**CANCER**

Life has become mundane. It's time for a change of pace. Get out and revisit old haunts, or better yet, go someplace new.

September 23-October 22

**LEO**

An exciting event is about to take place—prepare to be surrounded by chaos. Your finances are improving. Continue sticking to your budget and you may just get ahead.

January 20-February 18

**VIRGO**

An elderly friend makes a mistake. Offer your support and do what you can to help them correct the situation. Time is running out on a deadline.

April 20-May 20

**LIBRA**

Are you ready for some fun and relaxation? Travel is on the agenda. A colleague is facing a crisis and may seek your advice.

July 23-August 22

**SCORPIO**

An evening out with family is sure to raise your spirits. Do a little dancing, eat some good food and enjoy their company. The rest of the week might not be so lovely.

October 23-November 21

**SAGITTARIUS**

An old friend that you had a falling out with returns. Don't be alarmed. What happened in the past will stay there, and the two of you will make a fresh start.

January 19-February 20

**CAPRICORN**

Wonders never cease. Things are improving at home, and work is picking up. A new project may soon land on your desk.

May 21-June 21

**AQUARIUS**

No matter how hard you try, you just can't seem to get your ideas across at work. Relax. When the time comes, your coworkers will listen.

August 23-September 22

**PISCES**

You can't quite put your finger on it, but something isn't quite at home. Be patient. Whatever it is will soon be revealed.

November 22-December 21



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**THREE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING** lots close to town. \$8,500 each. Natural gas. (989) 348-6938. (4/17/03t/1)

**GRAYLING TOWNSHIP** Vacant lots for sale. 1/2 acre wooded, main road. \$13,900 each. Krausmann Realty. (248) 333-8888 (LR6/19/03/1)

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**471 FEET AUSABLE RIVER WITH 2.75 ACRES.** Tranquil setting with lots of wildlife. Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1800 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manicured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$199,000

**150' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER!** 10.08 acres. Prime building site 12 x 56 concrete slab, well, septic, and electricity. Great for hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. CH-1661 \$66,900

**MANISTEE RIVER ONLY 1/2 MILE AWAY** and state land across road. Great location close to canoeing, fishing, and hunting. 1,248 s.f., 3 B/R, 3 baths, vaulted ceiling, and three sky lites. 14 x 24 detached garage and a 20 x 40 slab for pole barn. CH-1730 \$73,900

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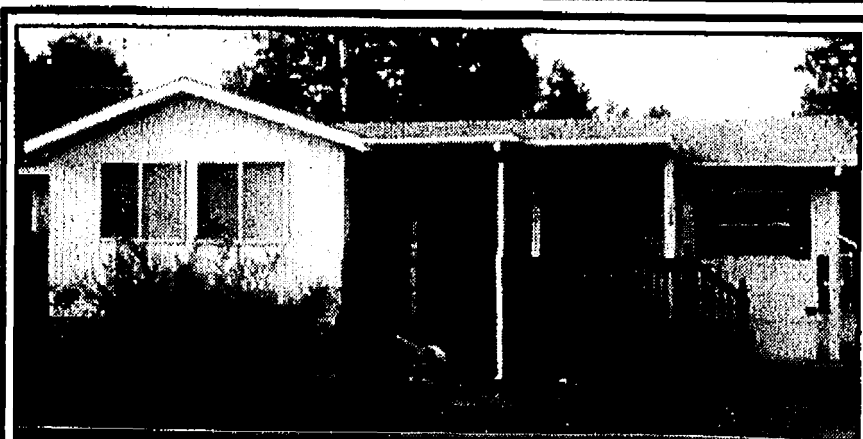
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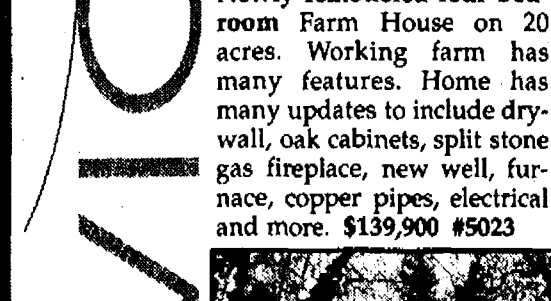
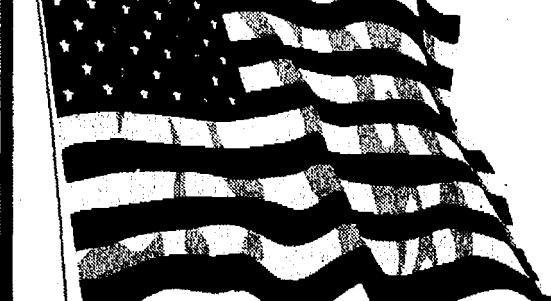


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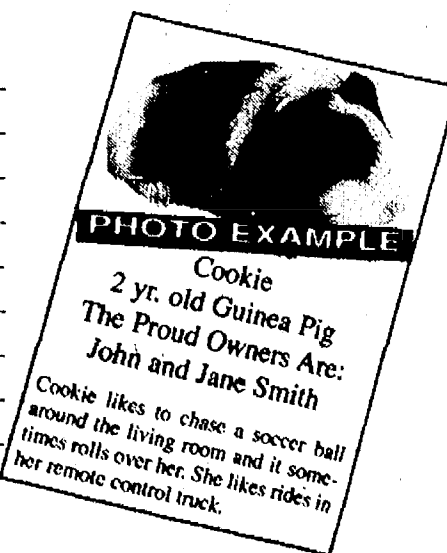


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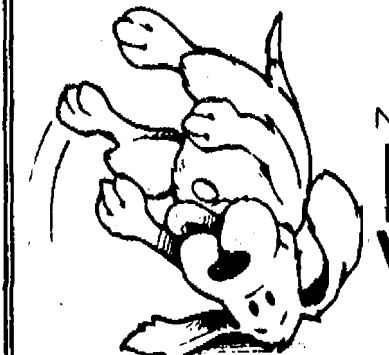
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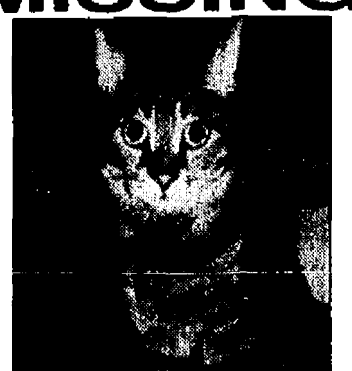
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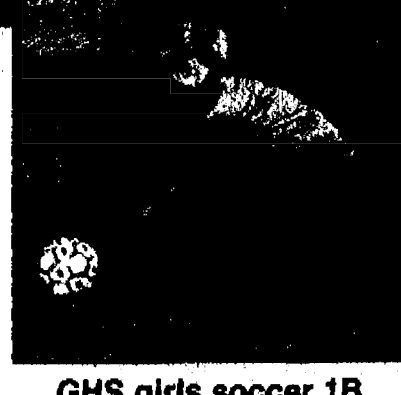
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## GPA keeps Cultural Events series alive

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Budget cuts at the state level have trickled down to local levels, affecting funding for schools and the arts, leaving little for local officials to do but cut their own budgets. The local cultural events series, so popular among residents and visitors to Crawford County, did not escape the school district's budget cuts.

When sizeable cuts from Lansing became apparent, the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education reluctantly eliminated funding for the award-winning Cultural Events Program, an important part of the district's Community Education Program.

Recently retired Community Education and Cultural Events Program Coordinator R.J. Hannan thought this may be the end of the line for a program series he has built up over the past 14 years with the generous support of area businesses, corporations, art patrons and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). His hard work has paid off for the enjoyment of all, with the main goal of bringing cultural events, music, and the arts to this rural area, as well as promote local commerce.

The program has become the envy of neighboring communities and attracted patrons from near and far for Special Performances such as a visit from Mickey Rooney and the annual Christmas Special, the Travel & Adventure Series which toured America, "from sea to shining sea" just last month at

the Rialto Theatre, and the Command Performance Dinner series with offerings such as the Michigan Opera Theater Singers at the Holiday Inn on Thursday, May 1 -- the last of this season's events.

That was until the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) stepped in to spare the Cultural Events Program from extinction.

After meeting with Hannan on several occasions, GPA members realized what a terrific asset the program is to the community and have decided to keep it going. With Hannan's expertise, the series will live on under the name of "Grayling Promotional Association's Community Cultural Events Series."

The GPA will be seeking the continued support of local corporations, businesses and patrons of the arts to help fund the series. Hannan has also gone ahead and applied for future grant funding through MCACA.

GPA will bring the same quality of cultural events the community has grown accustomed to in the past. Its 2003-2004 performance and event schedule, as well as tickets for the events, will become available in August.

Tickets are still available for the May 1 dinner performance; call 348-7146 for details.

To help replace funding lost to the arts due to state and local budget cuts, a tax-deductible donation can be made to the GPA's Cultural Events Series. Make check or money order payable to GPA Community Cultural Events Series and mail to: GPA, P.O. Box 150, Grayling MI 49738.

## Daughters play important role

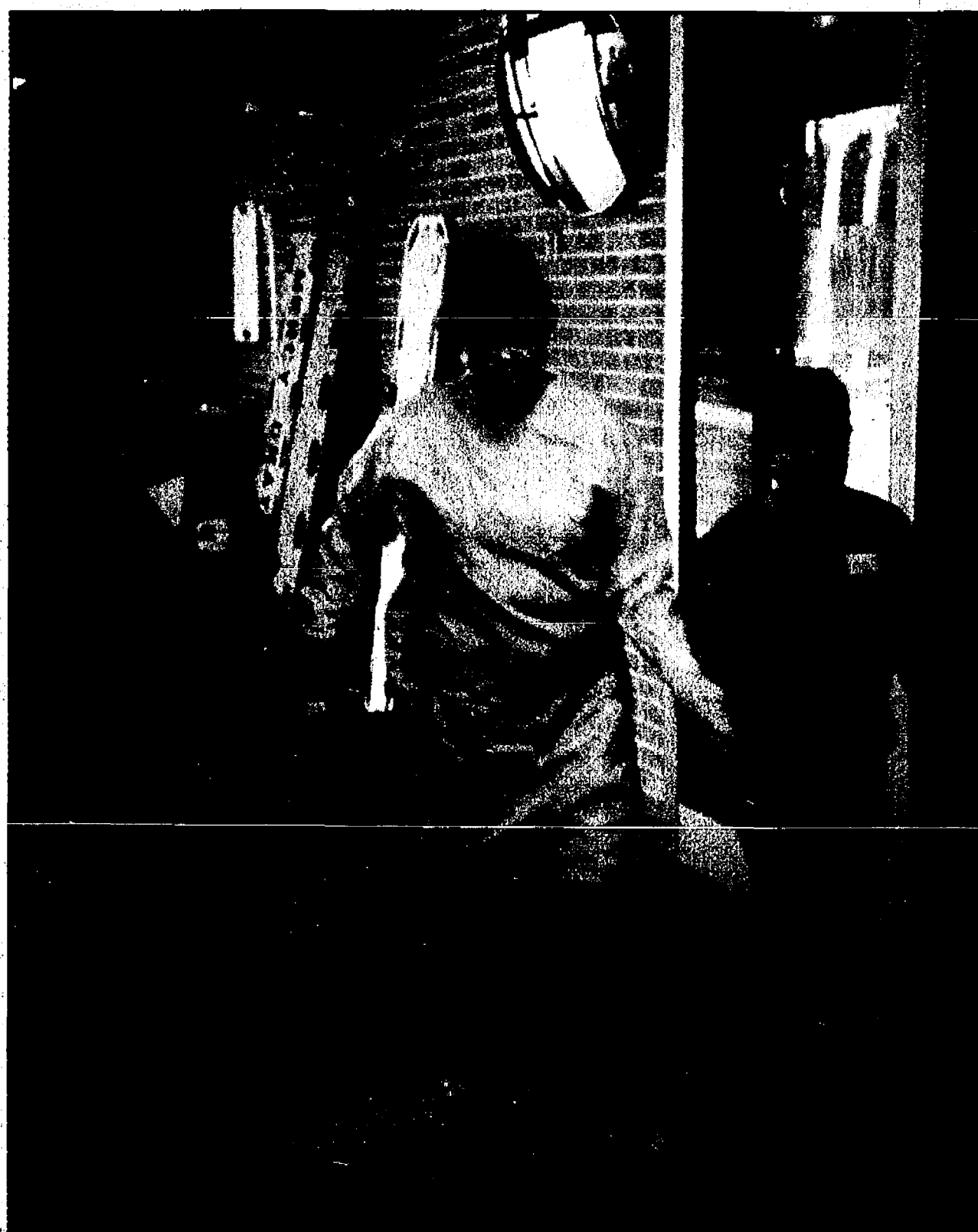


Photo by Susan Warrington

April 24 was "Take Your Daughter to Work Day," so daughters of moms who work at Mercy Hospital in Grayling played an important part in last Thursday's annual exercise to measure the readiness of local agencies in the event of a disaster or terrorist attack. This year's mock disaster involved a smallpox outbreak and the girls played victims in the exercise to prevent the spread of the disease.

## Mercy Hospital tightens belt as it looks toward future

► Improvements planned, 15 jobs eliminated as part of the process

With an eye to the future, Mercy Hospital Grayling is tightening its financial belt to be eligible for \$2.6 million in capital improvement funds through owner Trinity Health. These funds would allow the hospital to renovate its Obstetrics unit, make surgical suite upgrades and, in general, position the hospital for future expansion and technological advancements.

To receive the funding approval, Mercy Hospital Grayling is taking steps to deal with a significant financial challenge. To date for fiscal year 2003, which ends June 30, the hospital is \$1.25 million in the red.

"This is about improving the hospital and securing our future," explained Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling. "Enhanced Obstetrics services and facilities have been identified as a community need and we are working to address that need. When all is said and done, we will have a stronger Mercy Hospital. We've been a vital part of this community for generations and we'll continue to be a vital part of this community for generations to come."

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## Delivery charge nets sentence to 'boot camp'

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A teen charged with the delivery of a controlled substance and felony breaking and entering was sentenced to prison and 'boot camp' Monday, April 28, in 46th Circuit Trial Court.

The charges stem from an incident last October when 19-year old Stephanie Sue Mitchell and some friends broke into seasonal homes in Grayling Township, stole televisions and other items, then traded one of the televisions for money and a Fentanyl patch -- a potent prescription painkiller. The group then drank and partied in a room at a local motel where 24-year old Shea Simpson died after eating the contents of the patch, not meant to be taken orally.

When Mitchell pled guilty to the two charges in January, she testified how she applied the patch to her hip but after a while

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## Scout earns national recognition for saving dad's life

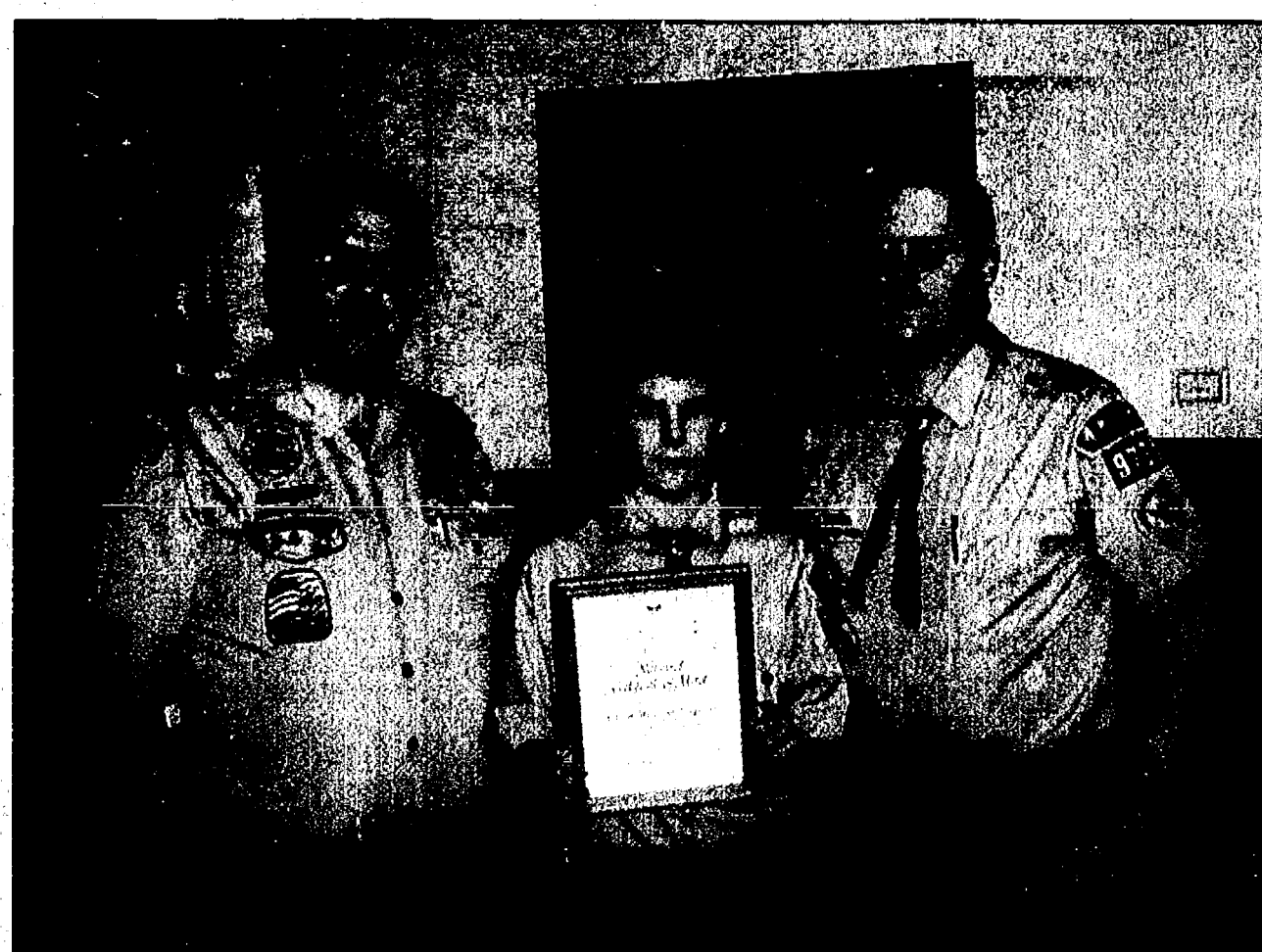
by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Eleven-year-old Aaron Stephan's quick thinking and action in July 2002 saved his father's life. Aaron and his father Herbert were looking for some items stored in a barn on their property when his father, who is allergic to bees, was stung. Aaron quickly ran into the house, alerted his mother and retrieved his father's bee sting kit.

Aaron met his father on the back porch of the house, quickly gave him his medicine, checked to make sure the bee stinger was out, then got an ice pack to put on the sting. Aaron then sat with his father for a while to make sure everything was okay.

Herbert scheduled a doctor's visit two days later because his voice was raspy and his arm was still swollen and hot. When he saw the doctor, he was told the quick actions by Aaron had saved his life.

Aaron had learned how to deal with insect bites just a few weeks earlier in Boy Scouts. He was happy he learned about



Aaron Stephan holds the National Certificate of Merit he earned for saving his father's life. With him are Scout Master Loren Goodale and Aaron's father, Herbert Stephan.

it when he did and said he feels "anyone can save somebody's life if they stay calm and brave."

The outstanding actions of Aaron were recognized locally

and the information was sent to the national level. In January 2003, the Boy Scouts of America upon the recommendation of the National Court of

Honor awarded a National Certificate of Merit to Aaron William Stephan for his performance of a significant act of service.

## Military budget includes plans for veteran's cemetery

Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) announced last week recommendations for the military affairs budget that were approved in subcommittee earlier this week. The budget includes language added by Stamas for the legislature to fund the building of a new veteran's cemetery in Crawford County, should legislation pass calling for the implementation of such a project.

"We are taking the first step in paving the way for a cemetery in Crawford County to honor and remember our veterans," Stamas said. "Legislation will be introduced shortly by Representative Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord) and myself to allow this important project to be approved. It is with the utmost respect that we should remember the sacrifice that so many have made for our country."

Art Thayer, a Grayling resident and U.S. Navy veteran of  
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## Two injured in three car accident

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A three vehicle accident in the late afternoon of April 25 injured two people and closed a busy local roadway for over an hour.

According to Sgt. Randy Baerlocher of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, 31-year old Douglas Koon and his family, all of Vanderbilt, riding in a Dodge Neon, were stopped in a line of westbound vehicles waiting for a driver to turn left on M-72 near Wales Avenue when 18-year old Roger Alvarez, driving a two-door Nissan, tried to avoid a rear end collision by swerving over into the eastbound lane.

Alvarez, of Grayling, clipped the rear end of the Neon, then drove head on into a GMC van driven by 44-year old Ronald Latusek, also of Grayling. The Nissan and Latusek's van received extensive damage.

Responding to the scene along with Sheriff's Deputies were personnel from the Grayling City and Township Fire Department



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

The driver of this Nissan was actually trying to avoid hitting the Dodge Neon last Friday afternoon when he crossed the center line on M-72, just west of Grayling, and struck an eastbound van (not shown). The drivers of both cars were injured.

and Mobile Medical Response (MMR).

According to Baerlocher, Koon was taken to Mercy Hospital in Grayling complaining of back pain. His wife and three children were not injured.

Alvarez received a large laceration to his leg and injured his ankle in the crash and was also taken to Mercy Hospital. Latusek was uninjured.

All drivers and occupants of all three vehicles were wearing their

seat belts which Baerlocher said played a major role in preventing more injuries. Also, the airbags in Latusek's van deployed, sparing him from serious injury.

Alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

## Dispute over alley ends with gunshot

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A 39-year Frederic man was arraigned April 29 in 83rd District Court on two felony charges stemming from a shooting incident over an alleyway last Sunday just after 1 p.m.

Maurice Leroy Alma, Jr. was arrested April 27 following a brief standoff with Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies and charged with assault with intent to murder and felony firearm possession.

According to Sgt. Randy Baerlocher, Glen Kimble, age 67, was grading Harmer Lane, when Alma demanded he stop, but Kimble refused.

Baerlocher said Alma allegedly stated he was going to kill Kimble, then entered his home and came out with a 12-gauge shotgun and allegedly fired in the direction of Kimble, flattening

ing a tire on the machine and striking Kimble's coat as he ducked to avoid the shot. The round was found to contain bird-shot.

No one was hurt in the incident.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said his deputies are familiar with ongoing disputes between property owners concerning the alley, located between North Charles and North Cedar Street, having answered calls in the area on previous occasions.

A preliminary examination is scheduled for May 13 in District Court. Magistrate Jean Callewaert set Alma's bond at \$200,000. He remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail.



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

A Frederic senior citizen who was using this front end loader to grade an alley in Frederic was shot at on Sunday afternoon by his neighbor, who now faces two felony charges.

## Police say alcohol played role in fatal crash

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Gerrish Township Police are continuing their investigation into a two-car accident around 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 26, that resulted in the death of a downstate teen.

Thirteen year old Amanda Way, of Highland, died at Flint's Hurley Hospital the evening of Sunday, April 27 from injuries she received when police say her grandmother, Evelyn R. MaGee, ran a stop sign at M-76 while southbound on Billman Road and was struck by an eastbound vehicle as her car entered the intersection. Gerrish officials believe alcohol was a factor in

the accident.

According to police reports, MaGee's car rolled onto its side, ejecting her and trapping Amanda as well as her 13-year old brother, Jesse, in the vehicle.

Both vehicles left the roadway, knocking down a stop sign and an electric service pole owned by Consumers Power. Live electric wires interfered with the rescue efforts by Gerrish officers, Michigan State Troopers out of Houghton Lake, as well as rescue personnel from Gerrish Township, Higgins Township and Lyon Township Fire Departments. Roscommon Sheriff's Deputies also assisted.

All five people who were riding

in vehicles involved were taken to Mercy Hospital in Grayling for treatment.

Amanda and her grandmother were airlifted to Mercy Hospital in Grayling, then transferred to Flint. MaGee was reported in critical condition on April 28. No further reports on her condition have been received from Gerrish police.

Jesse Way was treated and released from Mercy on Saturday.

The driver of the second vehicle, local resident Brian L. Crittenden, and his passenger, Jerald L. Melvin of Muir, were both treated and released the day of the crash.

## I-75 re-opens after culvert replacement

The Michigan Department of Transportation reported a 12-mile section of northbound I-75 was re-opened ahead of schedule on April 25 after being closed since April 22 when twin culverts under the freeway began to fail, causing a six to 12-

inch dip in the road surface.

The northbound lanes of the freeway were closed between exits 227 and 239 and traffic re-routed while the culverts were replaced. Southbound I-75 remained open during the reconstruction.

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# Driving facility opens at Camp Grayling

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The precision driving facility recently completed at Camp Grayling had their open house and ribbon cutting ceremony April 23. The facility is a result of the cooperation between the northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group and Camp Grayling.

The facility will be used by at least 29 different law enforcement agencies. According to Gary McConnell, coordinator of the facility, the list of groups wanting to use it is growing every week.

The facility will be used by law enforcement agencies to conduct the refresher driving training skills required for every officer whether hired by a local, county or state law enforcement agency.

The facility will also be used by colleges to teach the driving portion of the respective Police Recruit Academies.

This facility allows students and officers to learn or refresh skills for both non-emergency and emergency situations in realistic scenarios. Previously, this type of training had been done in remote areas of airports, whereas this facility allows them to learn in a more secure location.

The driving facility has already been used by officers from the Department of Natural Resources and criminal justice students from Kirtland Community College.

The driving facility is part of the law enforcement training facility located at Camp Grayling. Firearms ranges at the camp are already being used as well as some of the buildings for



The driver is taking her car through a rain-slicked obstacle course as part of her driving skills training at the precision driving facility at Camp Grayling.

class work.

Among the goals for the center are setting up a mock jail and courtroom, setting up search and

hostage scenarios using some of the buildings and the establishment of marine, ORV and snowmobile training areas.

# Medical runs hit 10,000 hours for CCTA

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has a program to transport people who need specialized non-emergency medical attention to their appointments. What makes this program different from the normal transportation provided by the CCTA is that these services are not available in this county and some requests take them to Saginaw and Ann Arbor.

The program, which is supported by many agencies, began with a non-renewable grant issued by the Michigan Department of Community Health. The grant was designed to help people in rural areas get access to needed medical attention.

Since this program began, approximately 30 months ago, the CCTA has logged over 10,000 hours helping Crawford County residents get to their appointments. CCTA Director

Dave Frederick said they originally estimated this would take no more than 200 hours each month. Their first month of service was over 250 hours and the program has logged an average of over 300 hours each month since its inception. Frederick added there is obviously a profound need for specialized medical services that are not yet available in this county.

Fewer hours have been logged in the last few months since the grant ran out and now agencies

referring clients for services are being asked to pay part of the cost. For those who need treatment several times a week, this can add up quickly.

Frederick added that many local agencies have been very good about covering some of the cost to help defray expenses for their clients.

Unfortunately due to the severe cutbacks most agencies are facing, it may become more difficult for their clients to participate.

# Delivery charge nets sentence to 'boot camp'

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didn't like how the drug made her feel, so she offered the patch to Simpson, who accepted, peeled apart the plastic patch and ate its contents. He died later that evening.

Simpson's younger sister delivered a victim's impact statement to a tearful courtroom filled with Simpson's friends and family. His sister stated she believed if someone would have called for help that night, when they first noticed something was wrong with him, Simpson may still be alive today.

An emergency call wasn't placed until the following morning.

Judge Morse explained to Mitchell about the seriousness of getting involved with drugs. She said bad things can happen, and this time the worst thing that could, happened -- someone died.

With her father looking on, Mitchell said she was very sorry for what she had done and was grateful to the court for its consideration in her case.

Mitchell was sentenced to one to 10 years in prison for the break-ins and 18 months to seven years on the drug charge. The sentences will run concurrently and Mitchell was given 109 days credit for time served in the Crawford County Jail.

Judge Morse ordered Mitchell to participate in the MDOC's boot camp type program and substance abuse treatment.

"This boot camp is not a walk in the park," Judge Morse said to Mitchell. "If you do not finish the program, you will go back to prison." She also warned Mitchell that if she gets in trouble once out of prison and rehabilitation, she will "spend a significant amount of time in prison."

Mitchell was also ordered to pay at least \$1,390 restitution, \$170 to the Crime Victims Fund, and \$150 in DNA forensic lab fees.

# Mercy Hospital tightens belt as it looks toward future

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To deal with the financial challenge, the hospital's senior leaders, management team, and other staff members have been working to identify ways to cut expenses. An action plan has been developed which includes the elimination of 15 positions, several by restructuring or merging responsibilities. Other reductions will occur through efficient use of hospital resources.

"Health care is a complicated business," said Riemer-Matuzak. "There are many factors -- such as reimbursement -- that are beyond our control but affect our bottom line and this is a challenge facing hospitals nationwide." One factor, she said, that played into this year's losses was the decision of a group of Orthopedic surgeons to concentrate on the Gaylord market, leaving the hospital with fewer surgeries than projected.

"We have two new excellent Orthopedic surgeons on staff who are drawing patients from as far away as Mt. Pleasant," noted

Douglas Slater, MD, Mercy's Vice President for Medical Affairs. "We anticipate we will not only re-coup what we've lost in that area, but will exceed our previous surgery volumes in the near future."

Until then, however, the hospital's leadership team and board members are asking for support

of the hospital staff and understanding from the community at large.

"This is a bump in the road that will be felt by some people very personally," said Riemer-Matuzak. "But it is important that we all work together to do what is best for the future health care in our community."

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World War II, said, "This is something that is sorely needed in the northern part of our state. And, in conjunction with Camp Grayling, this makes our area the ideal location."

Senate Bill 266 was expected to be taken up on April 29 before the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

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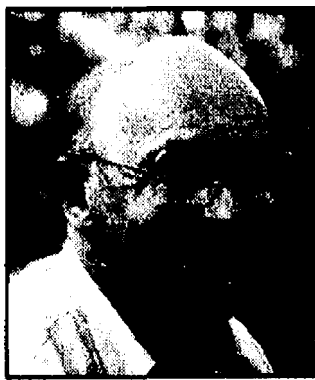
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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Governor's old residence presents problems

WHAT TO DO with the governor's mansion in Lansing is causing some head scratching around the state capitol.

Actually the governor's house is not much of a mansion, as mansions go.

It was built about 50 years ago by Howard Sober, a well-to-do entrepreneur whose trucking company made a lot of money hauling Lansing-built Oldsmobiles around the country.

It's a one-story structure in a historically fashionable Lansing neighborhood. It has three bedrooms, nice but not lavish entertaining space, and pleasant landscaping. But it does not overlook the nearby river, or the nearby golf course.

As memory serves, the house was offered to the state by Mr. Sober, and former Senator Emil Lockwood headed up a public citizens fund raising group to buy Michigan's first official governor's residence. Note: No tax dollars.

Before the state owned an official residence, governors provided their own Lansing housing. Governor George Romney rented a home in East Lansing, Governor John Swainson rented one in West Lansing, while Governor G. Mennen Williams preferred a big house in downtown Lansing.

Governor Kim Sigler, who lived about 50 miles from the capitol in Hastings, stayed at the former Olds Hotel across the street from the capitol when he was in town. The hotel, by the way, is now a state office building.

Governor William Milliken was the first governor to live there. His successors, Governors James Blanchard and John Engler, also lived there. Now its Governor Jennifer Granholm's turn.

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM and her husband, Dan Mulhern, have three children, and the offi-

cial residence simply is not suited for a family like theirs. The oldest child will start high school, another is in middle school and the youngest in elementary school.

Again a public citizens group has been formed, headed by Debbie Dingell, Democratic national committee woman, to raise a million dollars to expand and fix up the old Sober house. Note: No tax dollars.

The house needs plenty of attention .... not only more space but a new roof so it won't leak, electrical service update, a two room addition, and who knows what all will turn up.

The refurbished governor's home is supposed to be ready when school starts in the fall. In the meantime, Governor Granholm commutes to her home in Northville.

A million bucks is a lot of money to sink into an old, inadequate house. The location is fine, but even after being expanded

and renovated, the Michigan mansion probably still will be inadequate for total functioning as a governor's family home as well as all the official non-family duties a governor is expected to perform at the residence.

A million bucks would take a big chunk out of erecting a new governor's mansion on the same site that truly would fit the bill.

However, that would mean that the taxpayers likely would have to pony up at least part of the cost, and these days are no time to ask taxpayers to pay for a governor's mansion .... even part of one.

More difficult would be to find an elected politician, including the governor, to suggest such a program.

Too bad. In another 10 years or so, we can expect another public fund raising effort to repair or improve the old house again, or to accommodate a governor with different family needs.

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MARTHA GRIFFITHS -- Posthumous accolades poured from almost every corner when Martha Griffiths died recently. She deserved all the praise that was heaped upon her.

State legislator, judge, member of Congress, lieutenant governor -- Martha Griffiths was truly an outstanding public servant, in service both to Michigan and to the nation.

Her role in advancing the rights and recognition of women has been well chronicled. She was a true leader.

In 1982, after she retired from congress, she accepted the invitation of then-Congressman and candidate for governor James Blanchard to be his running mate for lieutenant governor. They won, she served two terms, and graced the office well.

Martha Griffiths has been generally reported as the first woman to serve as Michigan lieutenant governor. It's not so.

That honor goes to Matilda R.

Wilson, who was appointed lieutenant governor for a few weeks in 1940.

It came about after Governor Frank Fitzgerald died in March 1939, and Lt. Governor Luren Dickinson succeeded him. Governor Dickinson apparently operated without a lieutenant governor until Nov. 19, 1940 when Matilda Wilson was appointed lieutenant governor for the six weeks or so until the term expired Dec. 31 of that year, in an obviously ceremonial appointment.

However, Martha Griffiths was the first woman ELECTED lieutenant governor and the first to serve more than six weeks in the job. She ran on a tandem ticket with Mr. Blanchard, but it's generally accepted that she attracted considerable support for the ticket.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## EDITOR

### N'Orthopedics not to blame for Mercy's financial woes

To the editor,

I watched with interest the recent Channel 9&10 news coverage of Mercy Hospital's financial difficulties. I empathize with the skilled physicians and excellent staff that work hard to provide services to the communities of north central Michigan.

As a long standing member of the medical staff at Mercy, I felt it inappropriate to indicate that Mercy's current financial woes are due to N'Orthopedics difficult decision to alter our hospital affiliations.

As long as I have lived and practiced in this community, Mercy has had financial concerns which I believe are multifactorial and beyond the scope of this letter.

It should be known that N'Orthopedics continues proudly to offer excellent orthopedic services to Grayling and our surrounding communities and maintains offices in Grayling as well as Gaylord.

N'Orthopedics has made repeated attempts to continue offering services at Mercy, but have been informed that because of difficulties in providing adequate anesthesia coverage, that operating room time can not be provided on a continual basis to our practice.

Instead of pointing fingers at us as a source of their financial difficulties, perhaps they should focus on the issues that led us to alter our affiliations in the first place.

We wish the employees and staff at Mercy all the best, and will continue in our efforts to resolve these issues so that we can mutually meet the orthopedic needs of our communities.

Angus Goetz, D.O.  
Gaylord

### What's next?

To the editor,

Nuclear waste, Canadian garbage, chemicals leaking into the AuSable River. What will be next? I know! Maybe we could bury all the animals that have died from TB, Chronic Wasting

Disease, and West Nile Virus somewhere in our area. Then we can call ourselves the toxic capital of the north.

Carol Wakeley  
Grayling

### 'Hit and run' leaves child without friend

To the editor,

On Saturday, April 19, exactly one mile north of Frederic on Old 27, I witnessed a hit and run. There were three speeding cars, perhaps a group.

The first went by so fast, it startled my not quite two year-old son's dog, Sid. The second car hit Sid so hard he flew approximately 60 to 80 feet. Then after witnessing this, the auto accelerated away.

In a daze of awe myself, I approached Sid for his last

couple of breaths. Sid was laid to rest shortly after his death.

My son, Gage, did not see any of this. Gage continues to carry his favorite "Sid" toys through the house, however his eight-month old best friend is gone, and I know this could have been avoided.

My family, friends, and I wonder if it had been a person, like a child, would he or she (the driver) have stopped?

Ken Fraley  
Taylor

### If big tax cut doesn't work, at least he tried

To the editor,

I like President Bush. I believe he will go down in history as a great leader. His handling of the Iraq war was a great accomplishment. He rates high with the American public and much of the world. However, I question the feasibility of his proposed tax cut.

The question of the economy looms large on his mind. It has remained somewhat weaker during his term compared to the previous under Clinton, mainly due to conditions beyond anyone's control, 9/11, the stock market mess and high gasoline prices.

His first tax cuts amounting to \$600 per family and \$300 for a single person didn't do anything to improve the economy. Now he proposes a gigantic cut of \$550 billion over 10 years.

I welcome tax cuts. Nobody likes to pay taxes. But, with the United States having elected to take on the leadership of the world and its citizens demanding a lot from the government in the form of social benefits, and having to maintain a high-class military force, then tax cuts don't make much sense.

I believe Bush doesn't want to get himself into a similar situation that plagued his father. He would like the economy to improve by the time of the upcoming election. Whether his proposed tax cut will improve the economy is questionable. But, if it doesn't improve and he loses the election, no one can say he didn't try.

Harvey B. Burkholder  
Grayling

### Jump rope efforts reflect community pride

To the editor,

Students participating in our Jump Rope for Heart event from AuSable Primary, Grayling Elementary and Frederic Elementary collected over \$6,000 for the American Heart Association.

Kay Petrie offered her first aid talents, Clyde Holzbauer was the CD master spinner, while many parents, teachers and high school

students also helped to make the day a success.

The efforts of all the people involved to support the efforts of the American Heart Association also reflect the pride they feel for this community.

Julia Dunckley  
Don Knapp  
Jump Rope for Heart  
Coordinators

## VIEWPOINT

by U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)

### Preserving our national treasures

One hundred years ago last month, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an executive order creating the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, the first such area in the world. Within six years, the Roosevelt administration added 53 other regions to the refuge system. What began as an effort to protect a five acre island off the coast of Florida now encompasses more than 540 refuges and over 95 million acres throughout the nation.

Teddy Roosevelt's achievements in conservation ushered in a century of environmental awareness that continues today. Earth Day, celebrated on April 22, offers an opportunity to review our environmental stewardship and rededicate ourselves to this tradition of preservation.

Michigan is home to ten national wildlife refuges, with five each in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. These regions are home to hundreds of species of animals, birds and fish. Some refuges are also home to endangered species, such as Kirtland's Warbler National Wildlife Refuge in mid-Michigan, the only known nesting area of the Kirtland warbler.

One area of ecological significance, the Detroit River, has suffered from neglect for too long. Since the mid-18th century, over 95 percent of the coastal wetland habitat along the Detroit River has been lost. These wetlands are essential for the preservation of clean water and are an annual destination for three million ducks, geese, swans and other birds that migrate through the region.

To further the restoration of the Detroit River, I supported the effort of Representative John Dingell during the last session of Congress to create the Detroit Rivers International Wildlife Refuge. The refuge, spanning 18 miles from Zug Island to Sterling State Park, will conserve, protect and restore wetlands and other habitat for walleyes and 64 other kinds of fish, 29 species of waterfowl and

300 species of migratory birds.

The Detroit International Wildlife Refuge is also the first refuge to be cooperatively managed by both the U.S. and Canadian governments. And, in recognition of the centennial of the wildlife refuge system, the Army Corps of Engineers recently announced plans to donate 168 acres of wetlands to the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge.

In addition to working to set aside additional areas, we must continue to fight to protect those areas that are already preserved.

More than 20 years ago, I cosponsored legislation creating the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and I remain committed to preserving this incredible land. The only area on the North Slope of Alaska not already open to drilling, the Arctic refuge is home to polar bears, musk oxen, wolves, caribou, millions of migratory birds and hundreds of other species. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is also the largest expanse of pristine wilderness in the nation. For these distinctions, it has been called "America's Serengeti."

President Bush has declared that opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling is one of his priorities. While he acknowledges the importance of the area to the arctic ecosystem, he argues that this is outweighed by the potential for energy development. I believe such an approach is shortsighted.

It is estimated that the refuge could produce only a tiny percentage of our daily supply of oil. Consequently, most analysts agree that the actual reserves are too small to significantly assist the United States in achieving energy independence.

Teddy Roosevelt once remarked that future generations would judge nations by their ability to manage natural resources "as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired in value." This statement is as true today as it was a hundred years ago.

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# BRIEFS

## Chorale to present Gospel concerts

The Mikenauk Chorale will present "A Concert of Gospel Music" May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, and May 4 at 4 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Houghton Lake. Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased in advance at the Chamber of Commerce in Grayling, Roscommon, Houghton Lake. Tickets are also available from chorale members. Proceeds go to fund student scholarships and youth music programs.

## Sen. Stamas to hold office hours

State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) will be available to discuss concerns with constituents during office hours on Friday, May 2 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling. For more information, call Sen. Stamas' office toll-free at 1-866-305-2136.

## VFW to reaffirm 'Loyalty Day'

The Carl W. Borchers VFW Auxiliary and Post 3736 will hold a short ceremony at the Eternal Flame in front of the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling at 12 noon on Monday, May 5 to reaffirm Loyalty Day. The public is encouraged to attend.

## Pray for peace, troops each Tuesday

An Intercessory Prayer for peace and our troops, as well as for reconciliation and healing of all people and the world will be held each Tuesday, from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Mercy Hospital in Grayling. Everyone is welcome.

## Annual memorial service planned

Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice invites the community to participate in the 2003 Annual Memorial Service on Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Roscommon. Anyone who has lost a loved one through death and who would like to remember them in this special candle lighting ceremony should contact the Mercy Amicare Hospice office at (989) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457. A voice mail message may also be left for Mary Beth Brady at 348-0035. Please give your name and how many people will be attending in your party. You need not be present to have a candle lit for a loved one or loved ones.

## Women golfers to meet Wednesday

The Wednesday Morning Women's Golf League at the Grayling Country Club will hold its organizational meeting on May 7 at 8:30 a.m. at the Club House. New members are welcome.

## Church plans all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Take-outs will be available. Cost is \$5 per person.

## Pot painters needed for plant sale

The Grayling Garden Club will be painting pots at its next meeting, Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m., for its annual plant sale. The public is invited to join in the fun that evening at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. For more information and details regarding items to bring, call Sandy Allman at 348-4405.

## Free hearing/vision tests offered

Free hearing and vision screenings for kids, ages three to 18 years, will be offered by District Health Department staff on Friday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Grayling Head Start building. Call the Health Department at 348-7800 for an appointment.

## Retired state employees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association will be held Tuesday, May 6, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, at 1 p.m., with guest speaker Bob Kopasz, SERA Coordinating Council Chair. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

## Church offers Spiritual Enrichment

The Grayling Free Methodist Church, located at 6352 M-72 West, will have Spiritual Enrichment Services on Sunday, May 4, at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., and continued services May 5-7 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to hear God's word presented by Bishop Leslie L. Krober, of Free Methodist Ministries of North America. Nursery care will be provided. Also, at 6 p.m. on May 4, there will be a "Sunday Night Sing," featuring Bob Saxton who has performed with, or opened for, an impressive list of performers from country to pop.

## 'Walking by Faith' pastor to visit

Pastor Jim McWatters of Resurrection Life Church in Grayling invites everyone to attend a service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7 as the church hosts Pastor Duane VanderKlok of Resurrection Life Church of Grandville. Pastor VanderKlok hosts the daily television program, "Walking by Faith," which airs on the Fox Cable Network. The service will be held in the conference room of the Grayling Days Inn. For more information, call (231) 536-7933, e-mail pastorjim@rlcnw.com or visit www.rlcnow.com.

## Saddle Club Riders begin new season

Crawford County's 4-H Horse Club -- the Saddle Club Riders, have announced the beginning of its 2003 season of Open Speed Shows, to be held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Shows will go on rain or shine and entrants are asked to have registration completed by 5:45 p.m. each show to allow the program to begin promptly at 6 p.m. Entry fee per event for ages nine and up is \$3, and \$1 per event for leadliners (proof of age required; 4-H card or birth cer-

tificate will do). Age Divisions are: five to eight years old (must be leadlined); nine to 11 years old; 12-14 years old; 15-17 years old; and 18 years or older.

There will be a theme for each show for some added fun. Participants may dress themselves up, their horses or both.

Show dates are: May 12 (Bad Hair Day), June 9 (Patriotic), July 14 (Christmas in July), and August 11 (Halloween). Events in each show include Indiana Flag Race, Two-Person Relay,

## Red Cross blood drive set for May 7

Because there is a great need for blood donations at this time, a Crawford County Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, May 7 at the American Legion Post in Grayling, from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. Donating blood is a way to contribute to the war effort and to the need for blood here at home.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Senior citizens are welcome to donate blood and nurses will be available to answer any questions donors may have about their health.

The March 4 blood drive at Hard Bodyz welcomed these first time donors: Brock Barnett, Philip Faustman, Travis Huber, Edward Smiddy, and Charles Van Buren. Julie Lamie received her Four-Gallon pin.

The Grayling High School Blood Drive welcomed the fol-

lowing first time donors:

Ashley Bancroft, Duane Beck, Hayley Boardman, Roxanne Brunell, Charles Collins, Edward Coates, Maeghan Corwin, William Cousins, Brianne Crowl, Tommy Curley, Jeff Dennison, Justin DeVille, Jenson Dreasky, Travis Fagan, Brandon Frisbie, Bria Frisbie, Jessica Greene, Sarah Harland, Sally Jansen, K.C. Kindler, Raymond Nichols, Sarah Pegowskie, Michael Schmidt, Richard Schmidt, Heather Stamper, Donald Starks, Jessica Stewart, Andrew Vos, and Sheryl Zarnick. Also, a One-Gallon pin was given to George Morse.

At the March 6 blood drive in Frederic, these first time donors were welcomed: Rebecca Osga, Holli Pippin, William Wagner, and Mary Wingfield. Gallon Pins issued were: 28-Gallons - Al Etson; 13-Gallons - Larry Domcik; Three-Gallons - Denise Latuszek.

## Ormsbee to conduct Encore Winds finale

Encore Winds, under the direction of guest conductor, Dennis Ormsbee, retired band director from Grayling High School, closes its 2002-03 concert season on May 10 in Traverse City.

The season finale features the performance of the ever popular Sousa selections including, "The Last Days of Pompeii," often referred to as Sousa's finest composition and inspired by Bulwer-Lytton's epochal novel, the "1886 Tally Ho! Overture."

Martin VanMaanen, Encore's new Artistic Director, will be introduced and conduct a portion of the concert.

Featured strings guest soloist, Paul Sogner, Concentration of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra and faculty member in the violin department at the Interlochen Arts Academy, and Elizabeth Bert, a performer, music educator for more than 20

years, and principal conductor of the Traverse Youth Orchestra, will perform during the concert.

Encore's 3rd Annual Youth Competition winner, Dimce Belcovski, will be introduced and will perform "Concerto for Trombone for Band" with the Encore Winds.

The dessert reception following the concert features an array of American desserts catered by the Traverse Bay Area Career Tech Culinary Department, under the direction of Chef Karl.

Tickets for the concert scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at 8 p.m. at the Milliken Auditorium at the Denny's Museum Center are priced at \$22 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens, and \$14 for children. Doors open at 7 p.m.

For pre-concert ticket sales, contact the Encore office at (231) 486-7200. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Also, Encore's 2003-04 "Winds of Change" season tickets will be on sale at the concert.

## Farm Folk seeks new members

Members of the Wellington Farm Folk organization, the volunteer support group for Wellington Farm Park, will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 6 at the farm.

Guest speaker for the event will be Mike Castle, a forester for Weyerhaeuser Company, who will be discussing forestry management programs and anyone interested in hearing the presentation is welcome to attend.

The Farm Folk will also be discussing the coming tourist season and making their plans to make sure the farm is ready for visitors on opening day and planning over 15 special events to be held this season at the park.

Anyone interested in becoming member of the Wellington Farm Folk is encouraged to attend this meeting. The Farm Park is located on Military Road, between Four Mile and Five Mile Roads.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Passover Freedom

On Wednesday prior to our Easter celebration this year, the Jews celebrated Passover. To the Jews, Passover is a festival of freedom. The Passover was the event God used to free the Jews from 400 years of slavery in Egypt. God placed 10 plagues upon Egypt before the Pharaoh was willing to free the Jews. God's message was clear in Ex. 10:3: "And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me." The reminder of God's gift of deliverance and freedom was to be repeated each year at the Passover. Ex. 12:27: "7That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped." The purpose of their freedom was to worship and serve their God.

When Passover was instituted, the Jews were to kill a lamb and sprinkle the blood on the lintel and two side posts of the door of their house. They were to then eat the lamb before morning. God's promised them in Ex. 12:23: "For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and

will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you."

The Passover lamb was a picture of God's deliverance and salvation made available for us through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus was God's lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:8). John declared of Him in John 1:29: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." It was prophesied of Him in Isa. 53:6: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

The Jews were told to remove all leaven from their houses before Passover. Leaven is a picture of sin. That is why we are told in 1 Cor. 5:7: "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us." Jesus Christ is the sinless lamb of God who died on the cross, was buried, and rose again to give us forgiveness of sins through faith in His death, and eternal life through faith in His resurrection.

God did not provide Passover freedom for the Jews to live as they please, but to serve and worship Him. So also, Jesus Christ, the lamb of God died to give us freedom to live for and serve Him. Our soldiers in Iraq are in the process of freeing millions of people in the spirit of Isa.

58:6: "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?" But true freedom comes not from liberating armies, but through the gospel of Jesus Christ. John 8:32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:36: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Pray for freedom in Iraq. Pastor "B"

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## Siwula, McGrath marry



**Mr. and Mrs. Sean McGrath**

Tom Siwula, of Grayling, and Elaine Sweeney, of Harrison, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nicole Siwula, to Sean McGrath of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

The ceremony and reception

was held on Saturday, September 7, 2002 at Sawmill Creek Golf and Country Club in Sarnia, followed by a honeymoon in Hawaii.

The couple now resides in Denver, Colorado.

## HONORS

### Adrian College

Colby Davis, of Grayling was among several Adrian College students who received academic honors at the Adrian College Honors Awards Ceremony on April 4.

She is a junior majoring in psychology and English. Colby received the Scholarship Cup Award. The Scholarship Cup is inscribed with the names of the students with the highest grade point averages at Adrian College. This year, all recipients had a 4.0 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Alton and Sandra Davis and is a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School.

### Hope College

Lindsey S. Voelker, a Hope College senior from Grayling, received the Lambda Pi Eta Book Award in communication during the college's annual Honors Convocation held on Thursday, April 24.

The award is given to the senior communication student who has the highest grade point average in the discipline.

Hope is a four-year, co-educational, Christian, liberal arts college affiliated with the Reformed Church in America, and has 3,035 students from 44 states and territories in 37 foreign countries.

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## Sharing the Glory

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Romans 5:1-2 tells us, "therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God...through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God."

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Pastor Jeffrey Jagers  
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Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
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Bible Study (Wed).....10:30 am

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Pastor Jeff Arthur  
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Church Service.....9:30 am  
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# Mercy OB nurses have 336 years experience

► National Nurses Week is being celebrated May 6-12

Nancy Wheaton has been a nurse for 34 years, but she still gets emotional when she describes the moment a baby is born. "It's never not been a thrill," she said. "It's a miracle every time -- it brings a tear to my eye just to think of it."

Marj Bodi has been an obstetrical nurse for 36 years. She loves it so much that on her days off she drives to Grand Rapids to work at Blodgett Hospital. You can spot her on the highway. She's the one with the "Stork Mom" license plate.

Wheaton and Bodi are part of an impressive team of nurses who work on the Obstetrical Unit at Mercy Hospital Grayling. The unit's 15 nurses have a combined total of 336 years of service, with more than 244 years in obstetrical nursing. "We're pretty well seasoned," said Wheaton, who is clinical coordinator for the unit. "There's a lot of experience here."

The 15 nurses are among 2.7 million American nurses being recognized during National Nurses Week, May 6-12. The theme for the week, "Nurses: Lifting Spirits, Touching Lives," describes the OB team.

Despite copious years of service, their passion for the work remains acute. "It's my favorite joy in life," Bodi said. "I love the birth process. I'm in love with the whole concept of family. A woman and a man are at their most vulnerable during the birth process. They need all the loving care you can give them so that they're able to give that new little one all the care it needs."

Extensive experience translates into enhanced care for patients, Wheaton said. "The more experienced nurse has seen a lot more," she said. "They know how to manage patients and they are more nurturing. A lot of us are mothers and grandmothers and we've all shed a tear as we watched a couple become a family."

"I just love to see the parents' reaction and the grandparents' reaction to the baby," Wheaton said. "Almost every mother reaches the point in labor when she said 'I just can't do this anymore,' and usually just a few minutes later the baby arrives and they are so thrilled. You see the family going through changes -- things will never be the same."

Nursing certainly isn't the same as it was when Bodi and Wheaton started in the mid and late 1960s. Back then, dads weren't allowed anywhere near the delivery room. "Now it's almost expected that they're going to cut the cord," Wheaton says. Huge advances have been made in prenatal testing and prenatal care, which Wheaton says has dramatically decreased the number of birth defects. "I saw a lot of anomalies when I started," Wheaton says. "Now I rarely see any."

Technological advances also changed the face of OB nursing. Fetal heart monitors, ultrasound and amniocentesis are now standard tools. Bodi recalls working with the first fetal monitors in the early 1970s. "It's been fun to watch that whole process being developed," she says. But as amazing and helpful as the new technology is, it's still people who make the difference, she said.

"I don't think technology is God's answer to everything," Bodi said. "You still need a nurse at the bedside who has a good mind and experienced hands that know what a contraction feels like."

Lots of one-on-one bedside attention is an advantage a small hospital can offer. Bodi works in two venues -- the more intimate setting of Mercy Hospital Grayling, and the large metropolitan setting of Blodgett in Grand Rapids. She likes both.



Photo courtesy of Mercy Hospital Grayling

A few of the many Obstetrics nurses took a moment out of their busy schedules at Mercy Hospital in Grayling to smile for the camera. The entire OB staff has a combined 336 years nursing experience and look forward to celebrating National Nurses Week, May 6-12.

"You have a lot more responsibility in a small hospital. It's friendlier and homier and you have a lot more bedside time. And you get to deliver people you know," Bodi said. "In the big city you have more clinical opportunities. I love to teach the student nurses there and the residents. I've kept in touch with some of them for decades."

Mercy Hospital Grayling, through its partnership with Munson Healthcare, has the benefits of both, Bodi said. "I believe a little hospital has extra angels," she said. "We are well blessed. The Lord protects us and our patients. And we have great support for our pre-term and sick babies from Munson. If we need them, they will leave and be on their way, sometimes even before the baby is born. They are 50 minutes away, sooner if they come by helicopter."

Mercy's OB nurses have worked in many other hospitals, picking up a wealth of knowledge along the way, Wheaton says. Two nurses, for instance, have extensive experience in neonatal intensive care units. Once nurses get to Grayling, though, they tend to stay. "It's a very desirable place to work," Wheaton said. "There's no turnover."

Some days are pretty quiet for the two nurses on duty in the six-bed OB unit. Then there are days such as the one recently when five babies were born in one eight-hour shift. "We were running," Wheaton recalled. Off-duty nurses were called in

and nurses from other floors helped out.

"These nurses absolutely love what they do," Bodi explained. "They couldn't stay with it if they didn't."

Mercy's OB nurses are an extremely close group that Bodi refers to as "the sisterhood." "We have great camaraderie," she said. "Co-workers -- they're better than family. Don't even let anyone think of something bad happening to one of us and all the rest of us are going to jump in and be there. We know how to take good care of each other."

How long do these dynamos intend to keep working? "I'd like to still be catching babies from my wheelchair," Bodi said.

"I know they call it a job, but it's a shame to get paid for something that's so much fun."

Current members of the sisterhood and their years of nursing experience include: Mary Walton, RNC, BSN, 40 years, Marj Bodi, RNC, 39 years, Marie Rohde, LPN, 38 years, Nancy Wheaton, RN, 34 years, Joy Rasmussen, RN, 29 years, Nancy Hodges, RNC, 28 years, Deb Weaver, RNC, 23 years, Wendy Thompson, RN 20 years, Ruth Lewicki, RN, 18 years, Tammy MacDonald, RN, 16 years, Nancy Burgess, RN, BSN, CCE, 12 years, Melanie Cragg, RN, 11 years, Cindy Hodges, RN, 11 years, Lynn Daughtery, RN, 10 years, Becky Grace, RN, seven years.

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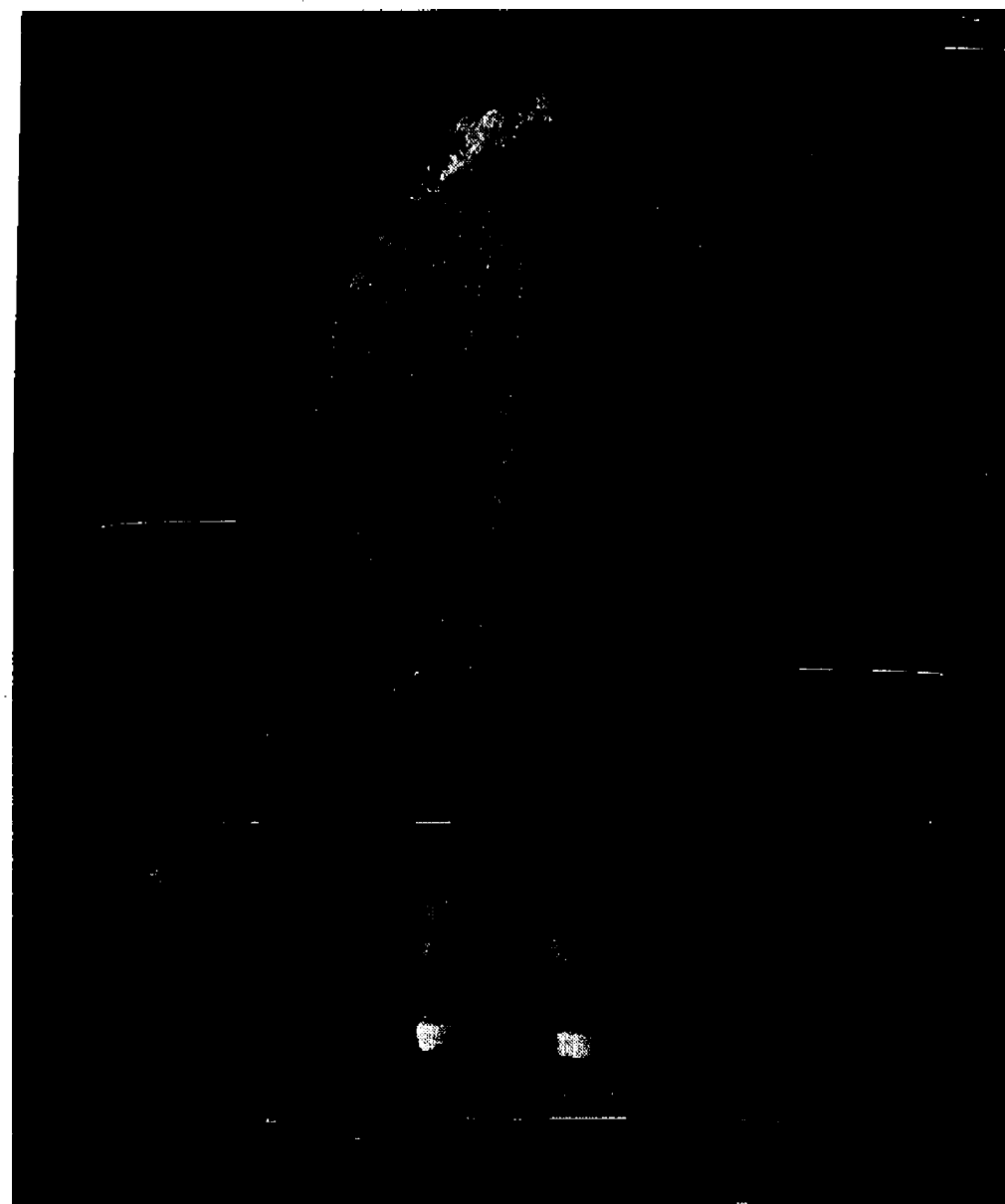
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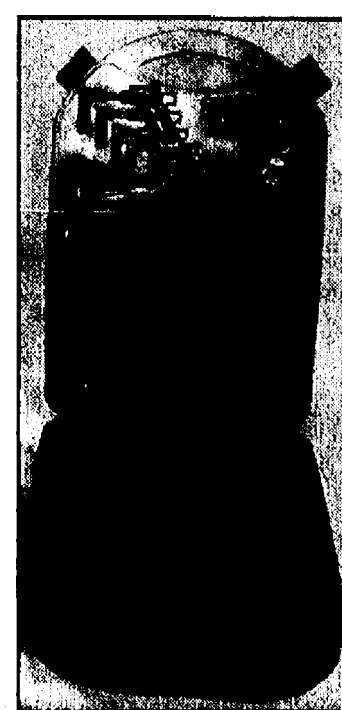
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## Help celebrate 'Be Kind to Animals Week'

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Be Kind to Animals Week, sponsored by Kibbles'n Bits and other Del Monte pet products,

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Do you have the most adorable pet in Crawford County? Have you caught your pet doing something cute or funny and managed to have a camera nearby -- with film in it? If so, submit your pet's photo to "Crawford County's Most Adorable Pets 2003."

In recognition of National Pet Week, May 4-10, the Crawford County Avalanche will publish a full color section in its May 8 edition.

Bring in your photo, plus a \$10 fee for each photo, to our office at 102 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, or mail check or money order in the appropriate amount to: Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738.

Please submit photos with good color and contrast qualities. All photos can be picked up at the Avalanche following publication or mailed back to you if you provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Deadline for submissions to "Crawford County's Most Adorable Pets 2003" is Friday, May 2 at 5 p.m. For more information, call us at (989) 348-6811.

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celebrates all creatures and is the perfect time to take an active role on behalf of animals in your community.

"Be Kind to Animals Week is the oldest week of its kind," said Shelter Manager Dixie Lobsinger. "This special week is a time when we can all step back and reflect on the happiness and joy animals bring into our lives. I also hope it's a time that all residents of Crawford County realize the importance of animals and our responsibility for their care and well-being."

"American Humane and Kibbles'n Bits, 9Lives, Pounce, and Pup-Peroni's Be Kind to Animals Week celebrates all animals," said Jodi Lyte Buckman, American Humane's director of shelter services. "It's a perfect time to pamper our four-legged family members and to step back and appreciate the role all animals play in our community."

In honor of this week, the Animal Shelter of Crawford County wants all families to

spend more time with their companion animals, and encourages those without a pet to consider adopting one of the wonderful dogs and cats waiting for a loving home. In addition, here are a few suggestions for ways to show appreciation for the animals that don't live in your house:

- Put a bird feeder in your yard
- Start recycling to save animal habitats
- Plant a bush that feeds butterflies
- Volunteer your time at the shelter

"We're proud to sponsor this year's Be Kind to Animals Week," said Todd Liddman, managing director of Del Monte Pet Products, makers of the products mentioned above. "The week celebrates the important role our pets play in our lives and hopefully will inspire individuals of all ages to share their love and affection for our animal friends."

Be Kind to Animals Week is promoted nationally by

American Humane. Founded in 1877, American Humane is the nation's only national organization dedicated to both child and animal protection.

From its headquarters outside Denver, and from regional offices in Washington, DC and Los Angeles, American Humane provides national leadership in the development of programs and policies, empowering child and animal protection professionals with valuable information and support resources.

For more information on what to do if you suspect animal abuse, visit: [www.americanhumane.org](http://www.americanhumane.org), call the Animal Shelter of Crawford County at 348-4117, or the Crawford County Animal Control Officer or the Sheriff's Office.

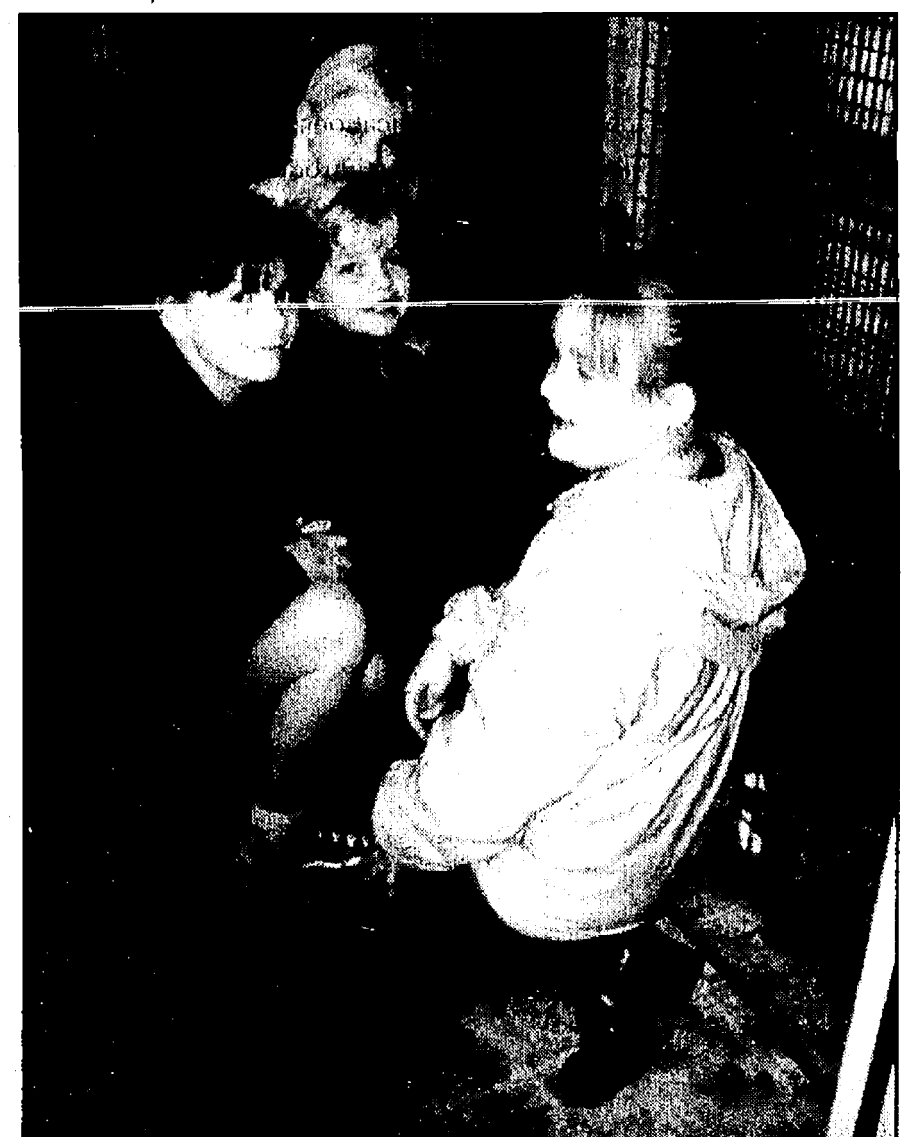
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## Girl Scouts earn badge with shelter visit



Girl Scouts from two Mio troops visited the Animal Shelter of Crawford County in Grayling on Saturday, April 26 in order to earn a merit badge for animal care. (Above) Shelter Assistant Tonyia Brady talks to the girls about how the shelter operates and answers questions about animal care. One of the shelter mascots, Sweet Pea the dog, appears to be interested, too. (Bottom) While at the shelter the Girl Scouts also got to visit with and learn about several cats and kittens being cared for by the staff and hoping to be adopted soon.



## Equestrian team seeks new riders

Attention high school-aged horse enthusiasts: the Grayling Equestrian Team is signing on new riders to compete in Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association (MIHA) events.

Participants must reside in the Crawford AuSable School District, be in grades nine through 12, and are required to furnish their own mount, equipment, and transportation to and from events.

Meets provide opportunities to ride in English and Western classes as well as games and contesting.

District meets will be held at the Ogemaw County Fair Grounds in September and October.

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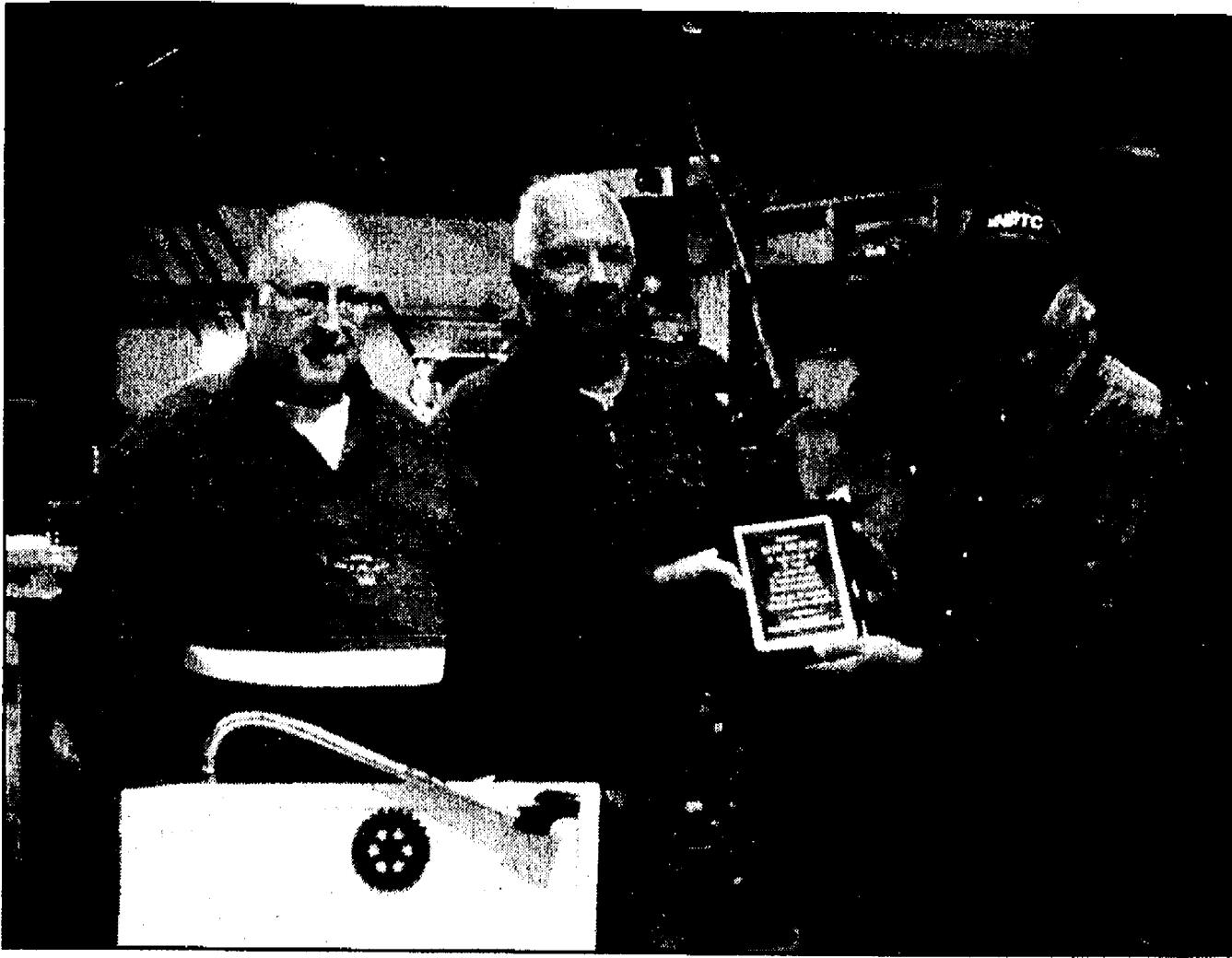
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## Road commission bids farewell to foreman Helton



After 15 years of employment with the Crawford County Road Commission, Garage Foreman Dave Helton decided it was time to retire and enjoy life with his wife Eileen and children. Helton started employment with Crawford County in March of 1988. Pictured is the Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners presenting a plaque of appreciation to Helton. (Left to right) Chairman Ken Riehle, Commissioner Jim Burtch, Vice Chairman John Hartman, and Helton.

## New phone system in place for jobless in northern Michigan

by Corbin Sullivan  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Being unemployed is never easy, but getting benefits may now be easier for northern Michigan residents.

The state has worked the bugs out of its new phone registration system for the jobless in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, and officials say it's ready.

"We were in a silent test phase, but now we're advertising that it's available all across the northern part of the state," said Dave Plawecki, the state director for employment compensation systems.

The system allows toll-free calls from the 906, 989, 231, 705 and 715 area codes. About 20 percent of unemployment claims in the state come from the covered area, according to the state Office of Labor Market Information.

Plawecki said the phone system became available in January, but could be used only for further certification after an applicant had already filed for unemployment.

After receiving official unemployed status, the jobless must check in every two weeks to ver-

ify their continuing unemployment. Both steps can now be accomplished with the phone system, which Plawecki said is far more efficient.

"The key issue here is obviously the convenience to the person," Plawecki said. "We've reduced the process from about six hours, including travel and processing, to close to about an hour."

First-time applicants will spend about 20 minutes on the phone, and an additional six to 10 minutes every following two weeks if they remain unemployed.

The morning after the first filing, the system automatically sends a mailing to the claimant and his or her former employer, again reducing processing time compared to the old system, Plawecki said.

"In effect, what we're doing here is eliminating the paper applications," Plawecki said.

The introduction of the phone system coincided with elimination of the branch office system that had representatives in most counties. The displaced state employees were offered the opportunity to move to one of the three main offices in Grand

Rapids, Saginaw and Detroit, Plawecki said.

The closing of offices and increased automation of the process will save the state some money, Plawecki said, but most of the funding for unemployment services is actually from the federal government. He couldn't give an estimate of the state or federal savings.

"What is driving this is lower federal funding because of their own budget cuts."

Plawecki said he hopes "folks will rapidly switch to this system," but that may not happen, said John Greenberg, Marquette County's human resources manager.

"In the U.P., we deal more on a personal level -- a handshake still means something," Greenberg said.

The simple fact that the phone system is electronic and automated might deter some U.P. residents, according to Greenberg. "We still have people here who object to answering machines."

The U.P. has a 9.2 percent unemployment rate -- three points higher than the state as whole. But according to Yishai Castro, an economic analyst for the state Department of Career

Development, that difference isn't abnormal.

"Unemployment in the U.P. is typically higher, but it's also seasonal," Castro said.

The winter is a down time for jobs in the U.P. and much of northern Michigan with its tourism-driven economy, but jobs always appear in summer, Castro said.

But Greenberg foresees more jobs disappearing when the state enters the next fiscal year on Oct. 1, and deeper governmental budget cuts start taking effect.

"We're going to lay off more in the public sector," Greenberg said.

He said the people who have a problem with the phone system might be hesitant, but they'll have to use it anyway. "They'll grumble, but they'll get by."

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by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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## Alzheimer's specialist to speak

The benefits of early diagnosis and treatment of memory loss will be explained by Dr. Rhonna Shatz, member of the Greater Michigan Alzheimer's Association's Medical and Scientific Advisory Council as well as Chairperson of the Greater Michigan Chapter Board of Directors.

Dr. Shatz is a Behavioral Neurologist with Henry Ford Hospital and will be offering valuable information concerning memory loss to physicians, healthcare staff and community members in Otsego and surrounding counties.

Dr. Shatz will be addressing Mild Cognitive Impairment or MCI, the point when individuals recognize impairments in thinking, and complain about increased distractibility, increased forgetfulness for "little things" and often mood changes.

Dr. Shatz will be at the Evangelical Free Church in Gaylord for a 7 p.m. presentation Thursday, May 1. She will provide current information about diagnosis, treatment and care of persons with dementia.

On Friday, May 2, she will be providing an educational session at Otsego Memorial Hospital for area physicians and their nurses.

For more information, contact the Northeastern Regional Alzheimer's office at 1-800-337-3827.

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## KCC groups help feed bodies, minds

Alpha Omicron Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is sponsoring Kirtland Community College's participation in "Project Graduation: Feed a Body, Feed a Mind," an initiative designed to help alleviate hunger and illiteracy in the community.

### Weight limits now in effect

To preserve pavement life during the current thaw, the Michigan Department of Transportation implemented weight restrictions the morning of April 25.

Full overload permits will be allowed on all state trunk lines south or and including US-2, from the junction of US-2/ Michigan/Wisconsin border to Dickinson County to St. Ignace in Mackinac County.

Weight restrictions are still in effect for the remainder of the Upper Peninsula.

There are no restrictions for legal loads on those trunk lines designated as "all season trunk lines," which are the vast majority of state highways. Extended permits will be valid for oversized loads only on the restricted routes. Permits will not be issued for any loads exceeding 14 feet in width on the restricted routes.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 1-800-787-8960, or access MDOT's web site at [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot) and follow the links to the weight restriction information.

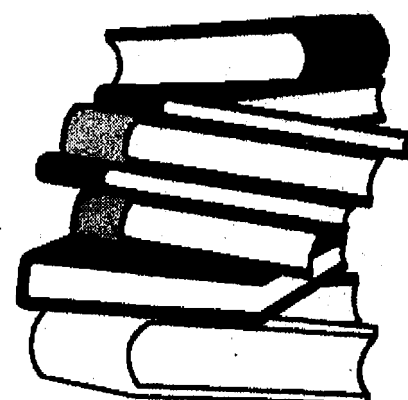
Graduating students and their guests are asked to bring non-perishable food items or books to the college graduation ceremony to be held on Friday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. Donation drop-off sites will be positioned at the college president's office and the lobby of the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts.

After the graduation ceremony, the books and canned goods will be given to St. Vincent De Paul food bank and the Roscommon County Literacy Council.

"Such a simple gesture of bringing a canned good or book to our commencement ceremony will help improve the quality of life in our community," said Charles Rorie, college president. "We are excited to have this opportunity."

Stacey Barnes, director of student services, concurred.

"We are proud to give graduating students an opportunity to



KCC graduating students and their guests are being asked to bring books or non-perishable food items to the May 9 graduation ceremony to help with a community service project.

give back to the community that has supported them throughout their community college experience," she said.

For further information, please contact Kathy Koch, contact advisor for Alpha Omicron Gamma chapter, at (989) 275-5000, ext. 253.

## Rheumatology specialist accepting new patients

Emily R. Lomotan, MD, has extended her services to Mercy Community Health Center in Prudenville. Dr. Lomotan is a board certified specialist in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology.

Dr. Lomotan completed her residency in Internal Medicine at New Rochelle Hospital Medical Center, New York, in 1996. She completed her fellowship in Rheumatology, at Roger Williams Hospital Medical Center, Brown University, Rhode Island, in 1998. Dr. Lomotan has been in practice since 1998, most recently at Great Lakes Family Care in Cadillac.

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## Help disabled, needy vets: Buy a Buddy Poppy

VFW Carl W. Borchers Auxiliary and Post 3736 will be conducting their "Buddy Poppies" campaign, May 1-3 in many locations around the Grayling area.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) on the United States was the first veteran organization to promote a nationally organized campaign for the annual distribution of poppies assembled by disabled and needy veterans.

The VFW conducted a poppy campaign prior to Memorial Day 1922, using only poppies that were made in France. In the 1923 poppy campaign, due to difficulty and delay in getting poppies from France, the VFW made use of a surplus of French poppies that were on hand and the balance were artificial flowers.

It was during the 1923 campaign that the VFW evolved the idea that resulted in the "VFW Buddy Poppy," fashioned by disabled and needy veterans who were paid for their work as a practical means of providing assistance for these comrades.

In February 1924, the VFW registered the name "Buddy Poppy" with the U.S. Patent

Office and a certificate was issued on May 20, 1924 granting the VFW trademark rights in the name of "Buddy" under the classification of artificial flowers. The VFW has made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans.

From the very beginning, the Buddy Poppy project of the VFW has received the endorsement and cooperation of the Director of the Veterans Administration, and the support of administrators and medical officers of government hospitals. All U.S. presidents since Warren G. Harding have conveyed to the nation at large, endorsement and recognition of this VFW event.

Today, VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled, needy and aging veterans in Veterans Administration (VA) Hospitals and domiciliaries across the country. The majority of proceeds raised through the Buddy Poppies campaign are used exclusively for aid to veterans and their dependents.

Buddy Poppy proceeds are not a profit for any VFW unit.

Proceeds are placed in the relief fund and used to support Veterans' Rehabilitation Services; the VFW National Home at Eaton Rapids and assistance to needy veterans and their families.

When you see a VFW veteran

or auxiliary member this weekend with their poppies, remember that they are out helping other veterans and their families have a better way of life. The VFW asks everyone to support our veterans in this worthy campaign.

### In Flanders Fields

by Dr. John MacRae  
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In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
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Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
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If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## Big Mack facelift begins, motorists to pay more in tolls

The Mackinac Bridge Administration (MBA) is gearing up for a season of improvements that will extend the life of the bridge with an \$8 million painting contract and implementation of a new, additional \$1 million security system, causing motorists to pay more at the toll booth.

The new security system includes more cameras, motion detectors and alarms strategically placed throughout the structure to deter potential intruders from gaining access.

"The bridge is almost 50 years old. After all these years, the lay-

ers of paint need to be removed and reapplied to preserve the integrity of the structure," said MBA Administrator Bob Sweeney. "We want Michigan's prominent landmark to be around for another 50 years."

The painting project, scheduled to begin in May, will last throughout the season and is part of a series of painting contracts totaling \$75 million over the next several years. The current contract includes extensive paint removal and repainting the bridge.

"As for the new security system, it'll enable us to see many

different areas of the bridge," said Sweeney. "We'll be able to monitor activities around the clock from more vantage points."

Effective May 1, a new toll structure will help pay for the needed improvements: \$1.25 per axle for passenger vehicles; \$1.50 per vehicle for commuters; \$2 per axle for motor homes; and \$3 per axle for all other vehicles (including trucks and buses).

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## CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WEEKDAY SCHEDULED SERVICES TO:

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Leaves Grayling	6:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

### LOVELLS

Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

### M-72 EAST

Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	7:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

### M-72 WEST

Demand Response Service  
Calls Worked in Between Other Runs

### BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON

Leaves Grayling	7:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:00 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	4:30 p.m.

\*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.  
To Request Weekday Demand Response Services  
Call Dispatch @ 348-5409.

### TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD

- Children less than 4 years of age must be accompanied by a parent, babysitter or other responsible person when riding on a CCTA vehicle.
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For information regarding this program contact:  
Dave Frederick @ 348-8215

### SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS\*\*

#### SCHEDULED FOR May 2003

##### Trip #1:

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2003  
Destination: Victoria's Casino - Petoskey

Departs Grayling: 8:30 a.m.

Arrives Back In Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

\*\*Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning  
Special Event Trips  
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

## College newspaper earns several awards

### ► Two firsts among several writing awards in State Competition

Kirtland's new newspaper was honored Saturday with six writing awards, including first-place prizes in news writing and sports writing, in a competition sponsored by the Michigan Community College Press Association.

"I am absolutely delighted, but not surprised," said Keith Gave, journalism instructor and faculty adviser to The Paper. "Our journalism students are hardworking,

enterprising and talented, and these awards are a credit to the passion and enthusiasm with which they pursue the news. And several of them have bright futures as news reporters."

The campus paper, published bi-monthly, was resurrected last fall after years of being dormant. Student editor is Josh Ross.

The winners for excellence in the category of Best News Story: First Place - Jackie Hanfin, of West Branch, for her story "Athletes Escape Injury," about several basketball players involved in a car wreck.

Third Place - Nicole Persing, of Grayling, for her story "When Instructors Skip School," about

students' and administrators' concerns over instructors who miss classes.

Honorable Mention - Ruth Ferguson, of West Branch, for her story, "Boldly Going Where No Man Has Gone Before," about the efforts of a Rose City-based entrepreneur starting up a high-speed internet access company in northern Michigan.

The winners for excellence in the category of Best Sports Story:

First Place - Katie Southard, of Grayling, for her story "Glazed or Nutty, Parker Finds Ways to Inspire," a profile on Lady Firebirds coach Jim Parker. Honorable Mention - Patrick

Therrian, of Higgins Lake, for his story, "Hoop 'Imports' Spark Recruiting Debate," a story on the Kirtland's basketball recruiting practices.

Honorable Mention - Jackie Hanfin, of West Branch, for her story, "Families Bid Farewell to KCC Sophs," a story about Kirtland's most diehard basketball fans.

The awards were presented at the MCCPA meeting in Battle Creek.

For more information about opportunities in Kirtland's journalism curriculum, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 242.

## HONORS

### Grand Valley State University

Kimberly (Haske) O'Donnell, daughter of Larry and Rhonda Haske of Grayling, graduated from Grand Valley State University, in Allendale, on April 26 with a Master's Degree in Social Work.

O'Donnell has accepted a position at Spectrum Health - Kent Community Campus in Grand Rapids as Director of the Social Services/Recreational Therapy Department.

### Western Michigan University

Jeremy Matthew Jones was presented with Western Michigan University's Senior Major Award on April 11, honoring his achievement of earning the highest grade point average in the Geology Major Department.

Jeremy is a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School and the son of John and Cindy Jones of Grayling.

## KCC library can help with census data

Ever wonder what happens to all that census data the government collects every 10 years, besides being filed away in Washington D.C., somewhere?

Well, now the data is being turned into information that people can use. And it's all at the Kirtland Community College library - which is open to the public.

References on the census at KCC include: *Gender: 2000 and Age: 2000*, and *Population Change and Distribution: 1990-2000*. Along with national statistics, the library has extensive detailed facts for Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties. It also has "Household Economic Studies" which look at information about *Maternity Leave and Employment Patterns: 1961-1995* and *Who's minding the Kid? Child Care Arrangements: Spring 1997*.

For more information about census data and other research materials available at Kirtland's library, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 246.

## GHS students check out possible careers



In early April, junior Ty Gerow, senior Andy Sloan, junior Larry Farley III and senior Chris Cerelli toured Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) in Plainwell and learned about the vocational opportunities available there. All four students have expressed interest in attending MCTI. The young men were accompanied by Shelly Schmidt, Transition Coordinator at Grayling High School.

## GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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#### 9th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Zachary Baker, Orland Dami, Alex Donaldson, Jacob Emmons, Victoria King, Kimberly Long, Reagan Schmidt, Jamie Wyss

##### "B" Honor Roll

Austin Andrus, Katie Baynham, William Beck, Chelsea Currison, Zachary Dean, Sarah Dent, Michael Flynn III, Toni-Jo Gasser, Krysta Golnick, Zeke Hayes, Michael Hoag, Matthew Hough, Shantina Jacobs, Trisha Kinsey, Matthew J. Larson, Matthew L. Larson, Kara Longendyke, Amanda Lutz, Michelle McGuire, Joe Merchant, Jessie Morley, Nerissa Morris, Chelsea Papendick, Kellan Quigley, Drew Rasmussen, Christina Schmidt, John Schneider III, Jill Seager, Andromeda Shunatona, Brittany

Sloan, Matthew Smock, Andrea Southard, Meghan Thomas, Amanda VanNuck, Chelsea VanNuck, Samantha Wakeley, Jeffrey Weaver, Mark Wejrowski, Samantha Wilkerson, Chelsea Wolcott, Ashley Zalucha

#### 10th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Rachel Brunell, Travis Brush, Natalie Christman, Tyler Cragg, Alyssa Farrell, Jennifer Long, Casey Mahaffy, Tracy Payne, Jamie Pinkelman, Rebecca Ramaswamy, Jennifer Tozer

##### "B" Honor Roll

Ryan Schmidt, Chris Secord, Benjamin Smith, Matthew Swope, Jennifer VanNuck

#### 11th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Timothy Domicik, Adam Malone, Jamie Zelek

##### "B" Honor Roll

Lisa Adkison, Phillip Armstrong, Darryl Babbitt, Jr., Jesse Blankenship, Samantha Collin, Roy Czapek, Jeffery Dedafoe, Megan Fekete, Kip Franklin, Ashley Halfacre, Sarah Harland, Emily Harvey, Tyler Knapp, Andrew Limmel, Heather Matthews, Allen Molands, Monica Nemeth, Skellynn Palmer, James Pease,

Ashley Powers, Brandon Pratt, Tabatha Rashid, Aaron Roscerans, Apryl Rugenstein, Michael Salyers, Daniel Snider, Tony Thomas, Shane Thompson, Margaret VanGuilder, Joni Welch, Joseph Zelek

#### 12th Grade

##### "B" Honor Roll

Roger Alvarez Jr., Ashley Bancroft, Danielle Beckwith, Ashley Beemer, Andrew Boardman, William Brewer, Kristen Cerelli, Megan Cox, Breck Denewett, Amber Edgerton, Kimberly Erb, Shane Ferrell, Justin Fisette, Todd Gaffke, Jessica Green, Janelle Gregorich, Kenneth Heinlein, Tyler Huber, Kevin Jozwiak, Adam Kaiser, Tabatha Ketchum, KC Kindler, Nicholas Klemish, Sarah Lepsy, Nicole Lutz, Bonnie Mahaney, Brett Mead, Heather Merchant, Amber Moore, Shayla Moore, Tracy Parkinson, Halie Phipps, Shannon Plutko, Jennifer Rusiecki, Monica Safin, Antonio Sala, Kristal Schalau, Nicole Starr, Regina Stocker, Laura Strockkirch, Frank Tody, Jesse VanSlyke, Barbara Wargo

## MILITARY NEWS

Marine Corps Pfc. Darryl J. Hunt, son of Janet I. and Edward C. Hunt of Roscommon, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego designed to challenge new Marine recruits

both physically and mentally. Hunt and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Hunt spent numerous hours in

classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Hunt and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values--honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Hunt and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Hunt is a 2001 graduate of Roscommon High School in Roscommon.

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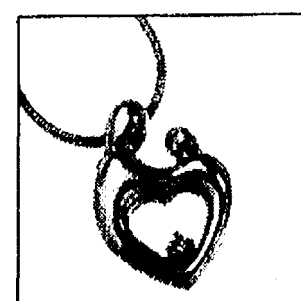
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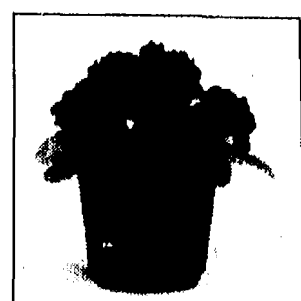
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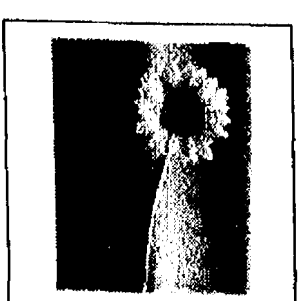
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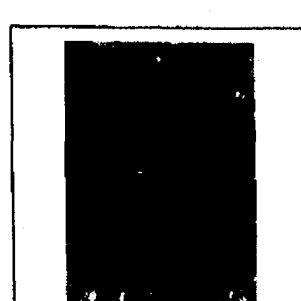
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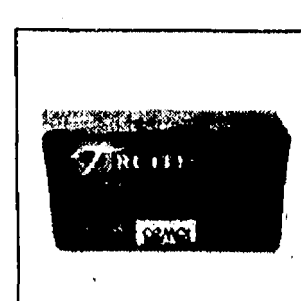
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## Former Lt. Governor passes away

The Michigan Democratic Party's Executive Chair Mark Brewer, released the following statement upon the death of former Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths:

"A great Democrat, Martha Griffiths was a pioneer in Michigan politics in so many ways.

"As a State Legislator, Detroit Recorder's Court Judge, 20-year Member of Congress and the State's first female elected Lieutenant Governor, she blazed a path for the many female public officials who followed her.

"She was a champion of social and economic justice through her work on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Rights Amendment, among many other efforts.

"All the citizens of Michigan benefitted from her work and should be inspired by her role. We will miss her."

Griffiths died April 22 at her home in Armada. She was 91 years old.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 58 complaints the week of April 21-27:

Six traffic accidents, four non-traffic accidents, one traffic policing, two accidents - all other, one motor vehicle inspection, four civil matter disputes - family trouble, five suspicious situations, nine general non-criminal, one delinquent minors, three false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, three assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, one burglary/home invasion, two larceny, one stolen property, one damage to property, nine public peace/disorderly, one conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest.

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Tammy (Canfield) and Philip Jacobson announce the birth of their son, Scott Philip Jacobson, born February 3 at Dickinson County Hospital in Iron Mountain. Scott weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. at birth. Besides his parents, he is also welcomed to the world by his sister Bethany, age 3-1/2 years, and grandparents Dan and Beth Canfield of Grayling, and Jake and Brenda Jacobson of Conway.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

Week ending April 27 - \$25 each: Clyde Fisher, Bob Bohley, Carol Conklin, Mike McEvers.

Grayling Lions Lucky 13

Winner of \$100 for Week 12 (April 25) is Shannon Secord of Grayling.

## Card of Thanks

I would like to thank Dr. Yacisen and his wonderful staff for the care they gave me.

Also, I would like to thank all the wonderful nurses at Mercy Hospital, especially ambulatory surgery and 2-South. Everyone was very kind.

A big thanks to my friends for their cards, prayers, food and flowers. It was appreciated.

A big thank you to my physical therapist, Rick Febey.

Jean Rasmussen

## Card of Thanks

Many thanks to those who expressed their sympathy. Condolences to the family of Frank Nichols can be sent to: Sandy Ploetz, 59380 North Avenue, Ray, MI 48096.

## OBITUARIES

### Jayli Grace Doremire

Dec. 28, 2000 - April 24, 2003

Jayli Grace Doremire, age 2, of Allendale, died April 24 at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She was born in Grand Rapids on December 28, 2000 to Llwyn Anthony "Tony" Doremire, Jr., and Andrea Karine Heinitz.

Jayli is survived by her parents; her grandparents, Diana Doremire of Grayling, and Bradley (Karolyn) Heinitz of Gregory; great grandparents, Hila Buettner of Florida and Nina Doremire of Grayling; her aunts, Julie Doremire of Grayling and Ashley Heinitz of Gregory; uncles, Mike (Bonnie) Doremire of Grayling, Thane (Julie) Doremire of Grayling and Andy Heinitz of Gregory.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Llwyn Anthony "Tony" Doremire on December 17, 1993.

Jesus called Jayli home on Thursday, April 24 while waiting for her third liver transplant. She captured the hearts of many during her short time on earth and will be missed greatly.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 30 at 11 a.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Reverend Jay Thiebaut and Reverend Jeffrey Jagers will officiate. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Liver Foundation (Fund for the Cure-Biliary Atresia).

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### John "Jack" Halley

April 21, 2003

John "Jack" Halley, age 81, of Grayling, died April 21.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 26 at the Big Buck Brewery and Steakhouse.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### In Memory of

In memory of our mother, Helen Harwood, 1909-1995.

Once upon a memory someone wiped a tear, held us close and loved us.

Thank you, Mother Dear.

Joan, Jeri and Jan

### Isaac Keuom

Jan. 11, 1924 - April 24, 2003

Isaac Keuom, age 79, of Kalamazoo, died Thursday, April 24 at the Alamo Nursing Home in Kalamazoo. He was born in Hart on January 11, 1924 to Joseph and Susan (Sharkey) Keuom.

Mr. Keuom was a professional boxer. He boxed in many major cities in the United States, including New York, where he boxed in Madison Square Garden, Detroit, Chicago, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. He was a Golden Gloves boxer before entering the United States Navy in 1943. While in the Navy, he won the Great Lakes Naval Championship in 1945, and also won the Michigan State Championship in 1947. He was listed in the United States Boxing Record Books and in "Ring Master" magazine. He served in the Navy from 1943-1945 as a Seaman First Class.

Mr. Keuom is survived by two brothers and their wives, Frank (Phyllis) Keuom of Mt. Pleasant and Tony (Linda) Keuom of Kalamazoo; one sister, Elsie Pego of Mt. Pleasant; and by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents; a sister, Gertrude Keuom Baker; a brother, Dennis Keuom; and brother-in-law, James Pego.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, April 26 at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic, Reverend Doyle Perry of the Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene officiated.

Arrangements by Helms Funeral Home, Mt. Pleasant.

### In Memory of

In memory of our beloved Mom who passed away on May 1, 1976.

Every day as we sit in our homes we think of you Mom and we feel so alone. It's been 27 years since you went away and we miss you so much day after day. Life must go on.

As we hear everyone say "Someday Mom we'll be with you, forever to stay."

Sadly missed by her daughters,

Linda Decker and

Waneta Madsen

grandchildren and

great grandchildren

### John L. Allen

June 22, 1949-April 21, 2003

John L. Allen, age 53, of Grayling, died unexpectedly April 21 in Ocala, Florida. He was born in Grayling on June 22, 1949. He was the son of John D. and Geraldine (Meyer) Allen.

Mr. Allen was raised in Bay City and lived and worked in Midland until his retirement from 3-D Motors in 1999. He and his wife Francis J. (Grasley) Allen then moved to Grayling.

John is survived by his wife, Francis; three sons, James (Dawn Hull) Allen of Midland, John P. Allen of Waterford and Robert Allen of Saginaw; one grandson, Gavin J. Allen; his mother, Geraldine; his brother, Mike (Glenda) Allen of Memphis, TN; his sister, Susan (David) Harrington of Newberry; special family friends, Don Lown and Michel DeGyves; and many nieces and nephews whom he loved to tease. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his father, John D. Allen.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, May 4 beginning at 1:00 p.m., at the Grayling Moose Lodge on Old 27.

Arrangements by Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Ocala, Florida.

### "Barney" Billy Frank Gidcomb

July 15, 1930-April 21, 2003

"Barney" Billy Frank Gidcomb, age 72, of South Branch Township, died April 21.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 25 at Walsh Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

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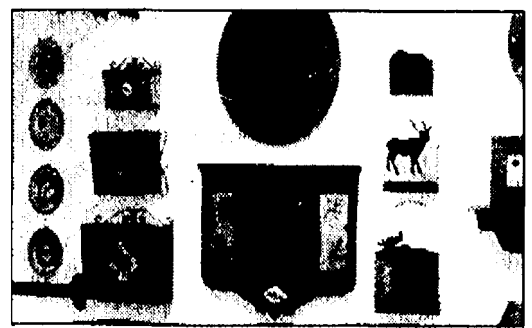
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## Students promote recycling



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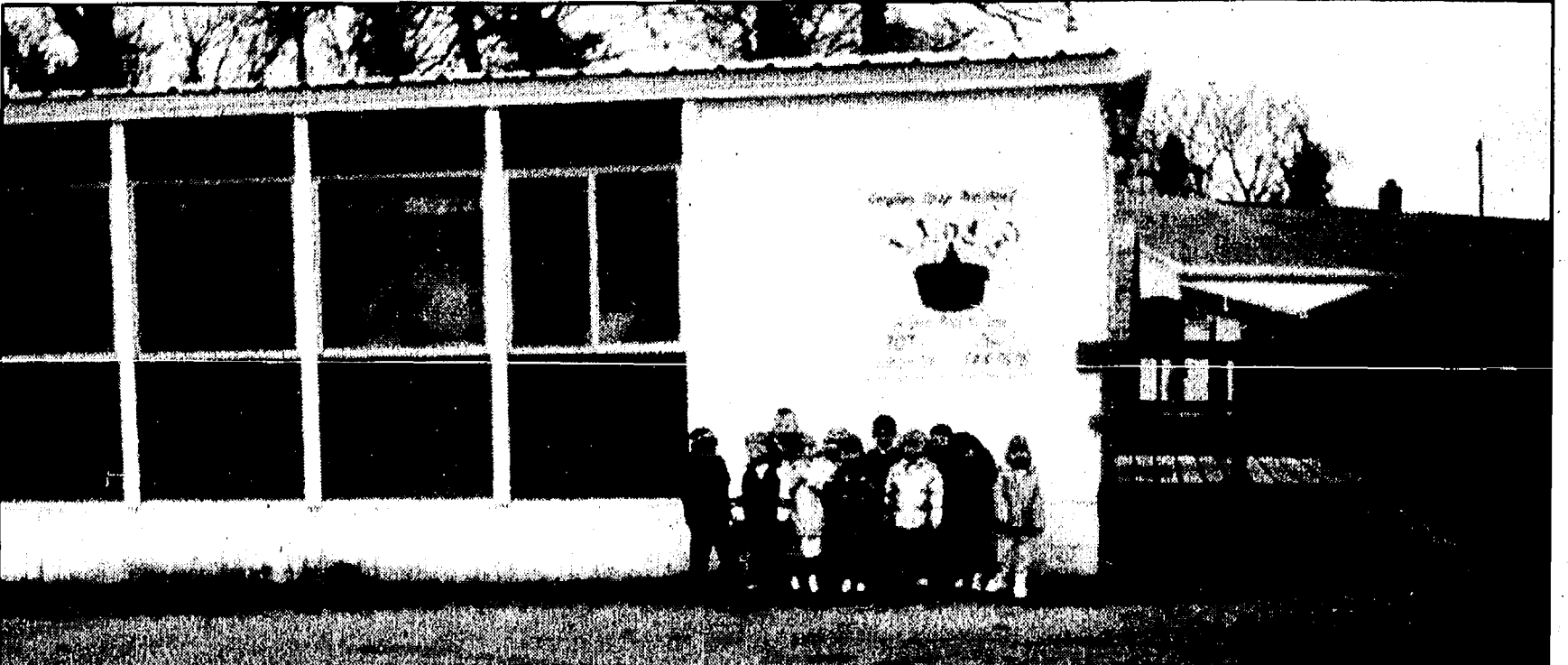
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The Grayling Cooperative Preschool has been in existence for more than 35 years and is need of renovation or possible replacement. The Preschool's Board of Trustees recently conducted a letter campaign, and through generous support of those in the community, raised over \$1,000 toward the establishment of a long-range building fund. Anyone who would like to make a contribution to this fund, should contact the Grayling Cooperative Preschool at 344-3676.

## Lines still drawn on smokeless eateries

► Proposed state bill would ban smoking from all restaurants

by Corbin Sullivan and Luke Pickelman  
 Capital News Service

LANSING — Nancy Hunt is conflicted.

As the general manager of Spike's Keg O' Nails restaurant in Grayling, she is wary about a new proposal that would stamp out smoking in all state restaurants. But in her personal opinion, it's a step in the right direction.

"Honestly, I would love to see it happen, but from a business standpoint it might hurt us," Hunt said.

The proposal by Rep. Jack Minore (D-Flint) would prohibit smoking in the public areas of all food service establishments.

Hunt is a nonsmoker and said she doesn't have sympathy for the smokers' complaint that a smoking ban would be unfair. "It's their smoke, but it's blowing in my face," she said.

But she said the bill would put restaurants like Spike's that serve alcohol in a more difficult position than other restaurants.

"We serve alcohol, and people like to smoke when they drink, so we could lose customers if they couldn't smoke," Hunt said. "But I believe it's the way things are going."

Minore said that he is following trends to curb smoking. California, New York and Delaware have gone smoke-free in their restaurants. "Michigan should become the fourth."

The entire country of Ireland recently banned smoking in its restaurants as well.

"We used to be able to smoke everywhere -- airplanes, school, at work," Minore said. "The trend is clearly this way."

However, Minore isn't confident his bill will pass the House Regulatory Reform Committee, where it now sits. "Ultimately, this will be adopted, but I don't know if this is the time."

The right to smoke isn't in the hands of the state government, but should be up to restaurant owners and consumers, said Kristyn Sorensen, communications director for the Michigan Restaurant Association.

"We don't need the state telling us what to do," she said. "We feel consumer demand will regulate this."

In May 2002, the Michigan Supreme Court upheld a law that prevents local governments from implementing smoking bans that are tougher than state laws. The case pitted the restaurant association against the city of Marquette.

Tim Zigala, the president of the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, agrees that the state should allow restaurants to regulate smoking on their own.

"It's kind of tough to support something that would affect all our businesses," Zigala said. "I believe it's a restaurant's prerogative."

However, increasing awareness of the effects of second-hand smoke and the fact that most Michigan residents don't smoke should be an indicator of support for Minore's proposal, said Charlie Baase, communications manager for Tobacco-Free Michigan.

"If most people don't smoke, then most people want to be in a smoke-free environment," he said. "Also, restaurants are a workplace, too. You can look at it from that aspect as well." Minore said that restaurant owners he knows who have gone smoke-free on their own have seen increases in business.

"They say that their tables turn faster and that business is great," he said. "Other restaurants are missing the bet. After the initial shock, they will find their profits up."

Baase agrees: "Not only that, but lots of owners would appreciate state laws doing this so they don't have to do it on their own and deal with the smokers."

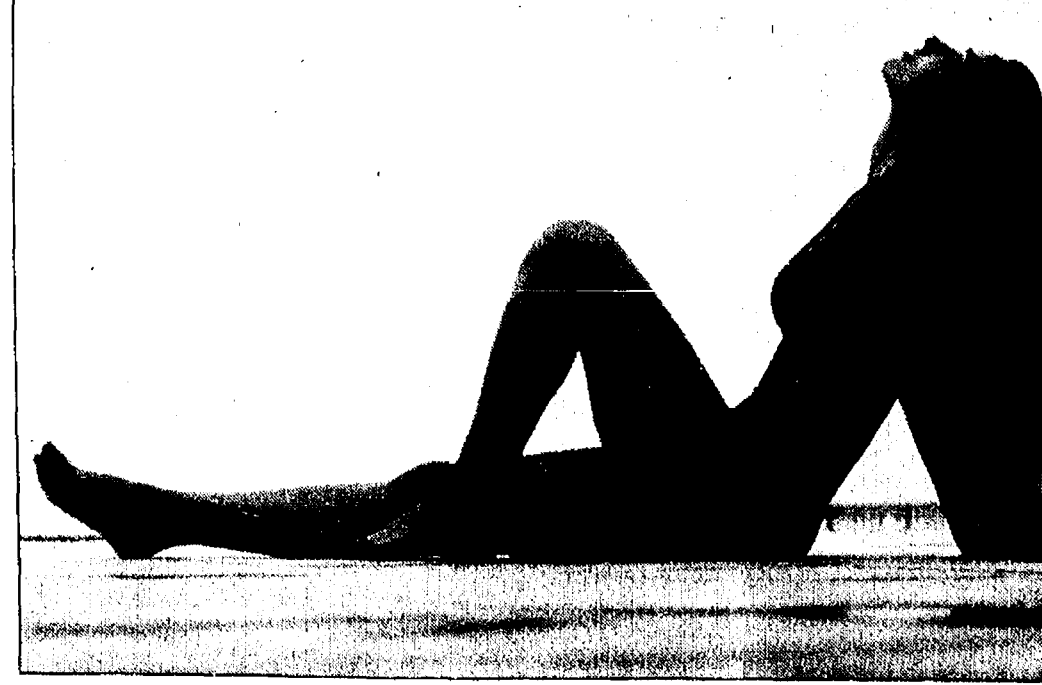
The restaurant association's Sorensen said that restaurants already do a fine job in regulating second-hand smoke themselves.

"Restaurants have invested thousands of dollars into equipment to filter smoke for non-smokers," she said. "We aren't against smokers or non-smokers. We support restaurant owners to make their own decisions which are most profitable for them."

Minore's bill is similar to one in the Senate by Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor). The risks associated with second-hand smoke have prompted the U.S. Environmental Agency to classify it as a cancer-causing agent, along with arsenic, asbestos, benzene and radon. There are between 1,400 and 2,500 deaths annually caused by second-hand smoke in the United States, said Baase.

"It kills," he said. "The restaurant association has had a long history of supporting the tobacco industry."

Minore said that although the outlook for the bill isn't good, he wants a committee to discuss it. "Let's get the debate going."



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## Lawmakers want to slice 'spam' from e-mail

by Jeremy W. Steele  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Emily Carney knows she's lucky.

When she opens her e-mail on her House Office Building computer, she's better protected than many other Internet users.

Although Carney's state e-mail address is easily found on the Internet, she doesn't constantly worry about spam - the junk mail of the electronic world - and all the problems it can bring. She's protected by state government's massive filter, which handles messages headed to the legislative and executive branches.

"I'm well aware of the kind of things that can come across as spam and the kinds of things that come across from unlisted addresses," said Carney, chief of staff for Sen. Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau). "Within the Legislature itself, I have yet to see a virus problem because our filters are looking for all those kinds of things."

No matter the filtering software being used to sort through unsolicited incoming e-mail, pornography and computer viruses, some spam still finds a way through.

But a group of legislators wants to stop even that trickle of junk mail making it into electronic inboxes across the state. Legislation in the House and Senate would require individuals and businesses sending advertisements or pornography to specially label their e-mails and provide a way for recipients to get off their mailing lists.

The House measure - supported by 18 of 19 representatives on the Energy and Technology Committee - would require e-mail advertising to include "ADV" in the subject line of messages, which could aid filtering software in sorting them out. Twenty-one senators - including McManus and fellow Republicans Jason Allen of Traverse City, Patricia Birkholz of Saugatuck, Cameron Brown of Sturgis, Jud Gilbert of Algonac and Ron Jelinek of Three Oaks - have signed onto a similar version of the bill, which would also require pornographic messages be labeled.

But catching those who break the law - the House version would be a misdemeanor charge of up to one year in jail and a \$10,000 fine for each e-mail, while the Senate proposal would carry a \$5,000 fine and up to one year in jail - stands to be the most challenging part. Many e-mail advertisers use fake e-mail addresses, and although they can be tracked back to their service provider, the process is technical.

## Stupak opens district office

Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) has opened a new district office to service constituents in the new part of the First Congressional District.

The West Branch office, located at 512 East Houghton Avenue, is being staffed by Lori (Weaver) Sheltown, a veteran of local government, who worked in the Ogemaw county government planning commission office for 14 years.

Constituents can reach Stupak's West Branch office by calling (989) 345-2258. People outside the local calling area can reach the congressman's office by using his toll-free number, 1-800-950-REP1 (7371).

"The attorney general is going to have to put a lot of resources into going out and catching these people," said Dale Hull, legislative director for Zeeland Republican Bill Huizenga, who sponsored the House bill. "But that's why the stiff penalties are there."

And unless the government intervenes, it's unlikely any anti-spam improvements will take place, said Rob Worth of Grand Rapids-based WMIS Internet. The company provides filtering functions to clients statewide and is working to develop new ways to prevent junk e-mail.

The massive amount of junk e-mail floating across the Internet can slow some servers, and businesses say it decreases employees' productivity because of all the time they spend dealing with it.

"I've got to imagine that the majority of people's e-mail is

goes on, your e-mail address gets out there more and more."

And there's little that users can do to get their names off those e-mail lists. Unsubscribe functions on spam messages often are scams simply to indicate e-mail accounts that are active, Worth said.

The House and Senate bills would require e-mail advertisers to identify themselves and list a mailing address, in addition to providing a free way for people to opt out of future messages.

But even with new state laws, Worth said, it might be impossible to stop foreign e-mail from invading U.S. accounts.

Which brings e-mail users back to where they began: software filters and the delete key.

"I think we just have to deal with it right now and do the best we can," Worth said. "The tools we have seem to take care of the problem for now."

## HOMETOWN NEWS



BU3 (SCW) Johnathan Britten and Jennifer Ayotte

Johnathan Britten, a 1998 graduate of Grayling High School, re-enlisted recently for six more years of military service. His rank is Builder Third Class, SeaBee Combat Warfare Specialist, and is currently stationed with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 on assignment in Iraq.

BU3 (SCW) Britten's duties

include contingency construction and convoy security. He has been on duty in the Middle East since the first of February and is expected home in August.

He is engaged to be married to Jennifer Ayotte of Gulfport, Mississippi.

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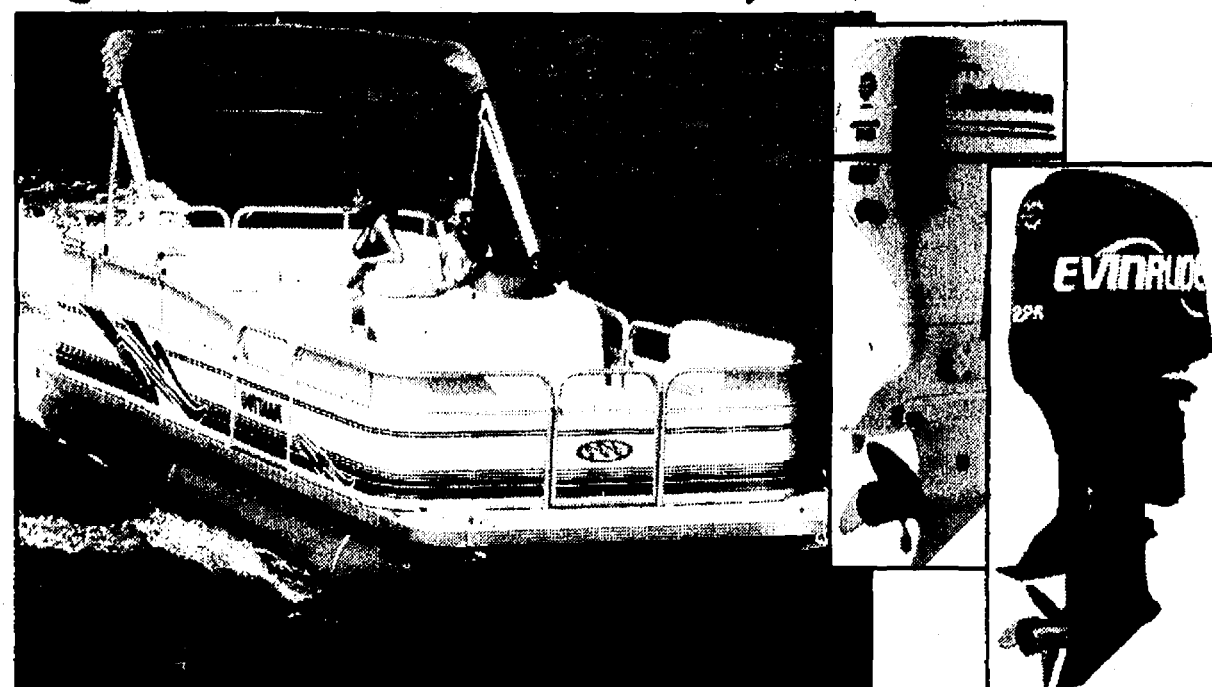
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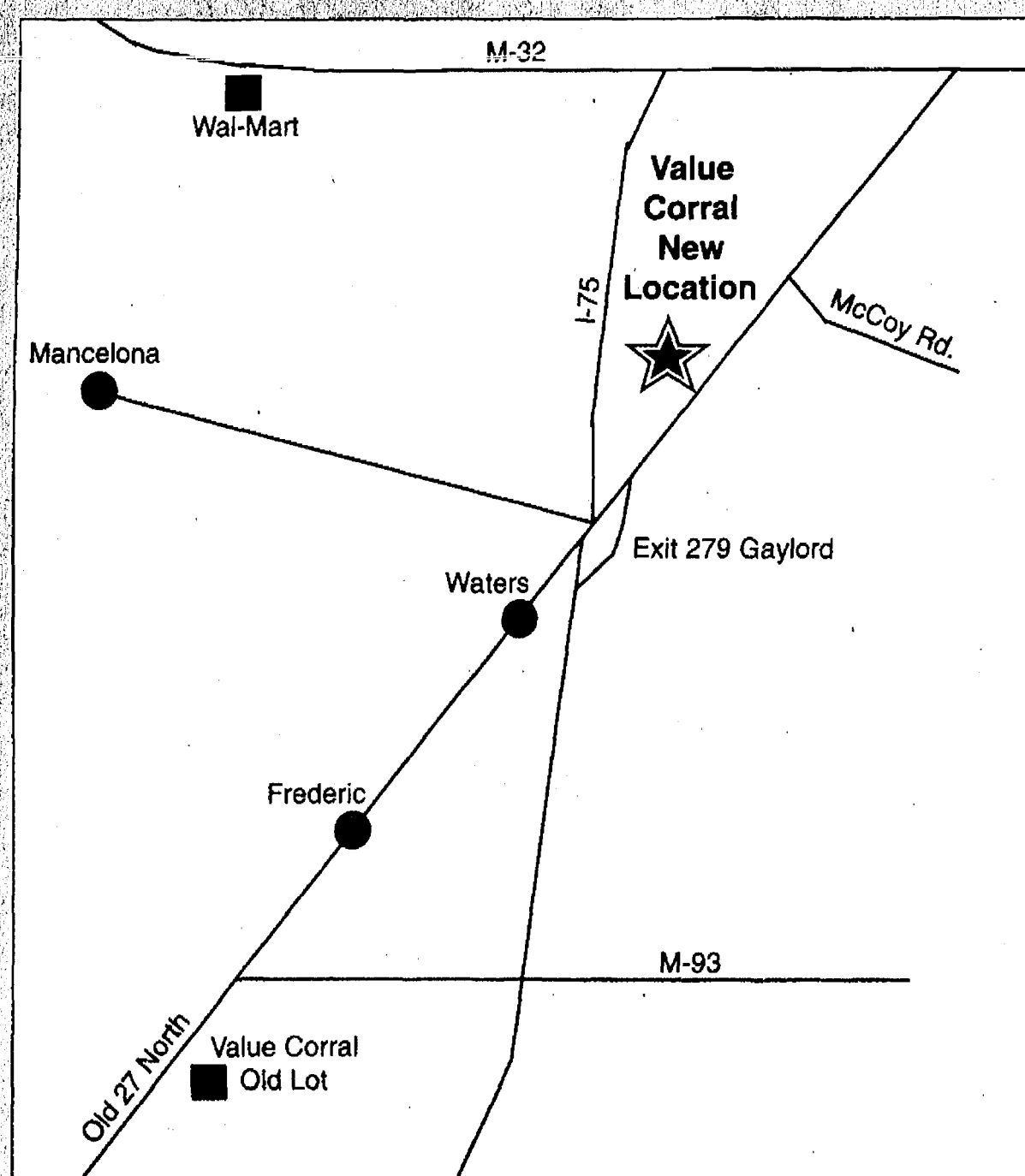
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## COA recognized for 30 years of service to seniors



COA Director Nova Anderson and President Jack Mahank hold the proclamations celebrating the 30th anniversary of the COA in Crawford County.

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Over 100 people attended the party April 10 celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA).

The Honorable Alton T. Davis, Chief Judge of the 46th Circuit Trial Court, attended and brought a proclamation from his court and the Crawford County Probate Court recognizing the good works and selfless service of the COA.

The proclamation stated that the COA is a "vital and necessary agency that has served thousands of our citizens in many ways..." and the current and future need for it is demonstrated on a daily basis.

The proclamation was signed

by both Judge Davis and the Honorable John G. Hunter, Crawford County Probate Judge.

An aide to State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) brought a tribute to the COA signed by Stamas, State Representative Matthew Gillard (D-Alpena) and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

The tribute stated in part, "everyone involved with the commission can be very proud of its thirty year history. Many people throughout the area rely on the information available through this valuable organization. It has helped to create several effective programs to serve senior citizens, family members and provide invaluable assistance with medical information."

## SPIKE GETS A NEW HOME



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

The Myers family was the first to adopt a new pal from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County last Saturday morning on Adopt-A-Pet Day. The family saw Spike's picture at the shelter's web site ([www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)) and hurried over for the adoption. The event was considered very successful, with five dogs and one cat finding new families to love that day.

## Circuit court receives \$113k tech grant

The 46th Circuit Trial Court in Crawford, Kalkaska, and Otsego Counties has recently received a new technology grant in the amount of \$113,095.

This grant will provide the hardware, computer software and connectivity to enable the tri-county court system to electronically transmit case dispositions from the Circuit and Family Divisions, to the Criminal Justice Information Center in Lansing.

Twenty-three new computers for specific court offices in all three counties, network routers, internal courthouse computer wiring in Otsego and Crawford Counties, and the installation of a fiber optic line between the main courthouse in Gaylord and Alpine Center complex was approved.

The court's offices in both Crawford and Kalkaska Counties will be connected to the Local Government Network (LGN) through Otsego County to enable electronic transmissions of criminal history information. The court's District Divisions already transmit conviction data electronically.

"The State Court

Administrator's Office is also developing a data warehouse for a central name index system for all of Michigan's trial courts," said Rudi Edel, Trial Court Administrator. "The LGNet connectivity will provide access for our local court to that central name data warehouse once the project is fully operational."

These improvements are fully funded by the National Criminal History Information Program and the Michigan Judicial Technology Improvement Fund. The Michigan Supreme Court has committed to pay the monthly operating cost of the LGNet for as long as funding is appropriate. Funding is not required from the local courts or governments.

Edel indicated the State Court Administrator's Office believes this project will greatly enhance the Michigan judicial system, enabling it to operate more efficiently, effectively, and with greater accuracy than ever before possible.

Other local state agencies may connect to the statewide LGNet computer circuit to reduce the overall computer network costs for those agencies.

## Opening on the COA board soon

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Elizabeth Robinson announced her decision to step down from the COA board when her term is up in June. She said she has enjoyed being on the board, but she has other commitments and can't devote the time to the COA that she feels it deserves.

Anyone interested in being appointed for the three year position on the board must be at least 18 years old and should be interested in helping the senior citizens of Crawford County.

The ability to work well with others is also an important asset.

The board meets the third Monday of every month and board members must live in the area year around since any member who misses more than two consecutive monthly meetings is removed from the board, according to the by-laws.

Applications are available from the County Clerk's office. Applicants are then interviewed by the County Board of Commissioners who make the appointment to the Board.

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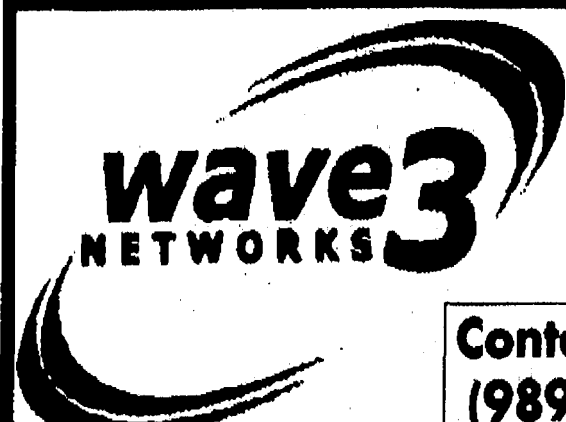
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## Vikings win, tie vs. Elks

► GHS varsity baseball team wins 11-5, ties 4-4 at Elk Rapids

The Vikings of Grayling High School defeated Elk Rapids 11-5 in game one of a doubleheader last Thursday at Elk Rapids. The second game was called due to darkness with the score tied at 4-4.

In game one, Grayling scored three runs in each of the first two innings to lead 6-0. Elk Rapids scored four runs in the third inning to pull within two, 6-4. The Vikings scored two runs in the fourth and three in the fifth to pull away.

Andy Strohpaal, a junior, pitched the first four innings and picked up the win. He gave up three hits, four walks, and struck out six batters. Senior Roger Alvarez shut Elk Rapids down in the last two innings.

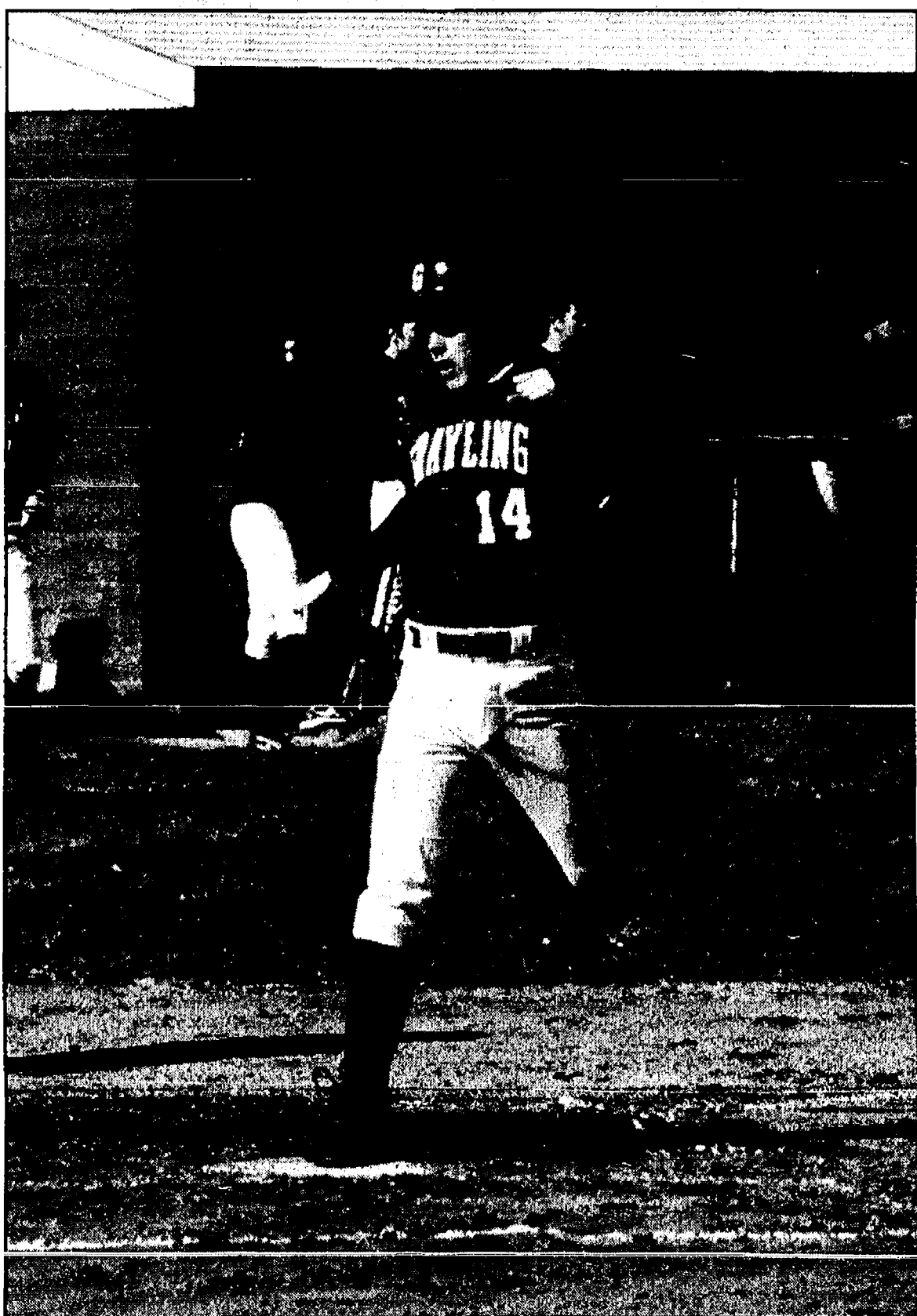
Leading hitters for GHS in the game were: D.J. Metzger, 2 for 4, 1 RBI; Greg Morrill, 2 for 3, 3 RBI; Joe Lange, 2 for 3, 1 RBI; Chris Wakeley, 2 for 4; Adam Kaiser, 1 for 3, 2 RBI.

Game two of the doubleheader ended in a 4-4 tie.

Grayling scored twice in the first inning. Kaiser, who reached base with a single, scored on a double by Morrill. Czapek singled to drive in Morrill. Elk Rapids scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning on a double and two singles.

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See "VIKINGS WIN..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Andy Strohpaal crosses the plate for Grayling in last week's varsity baseball series vs. Tawas.

## JV squad splits with Elk Rapids

► Vikings win high-scoring first game 19-10, lose 6-3 in game two

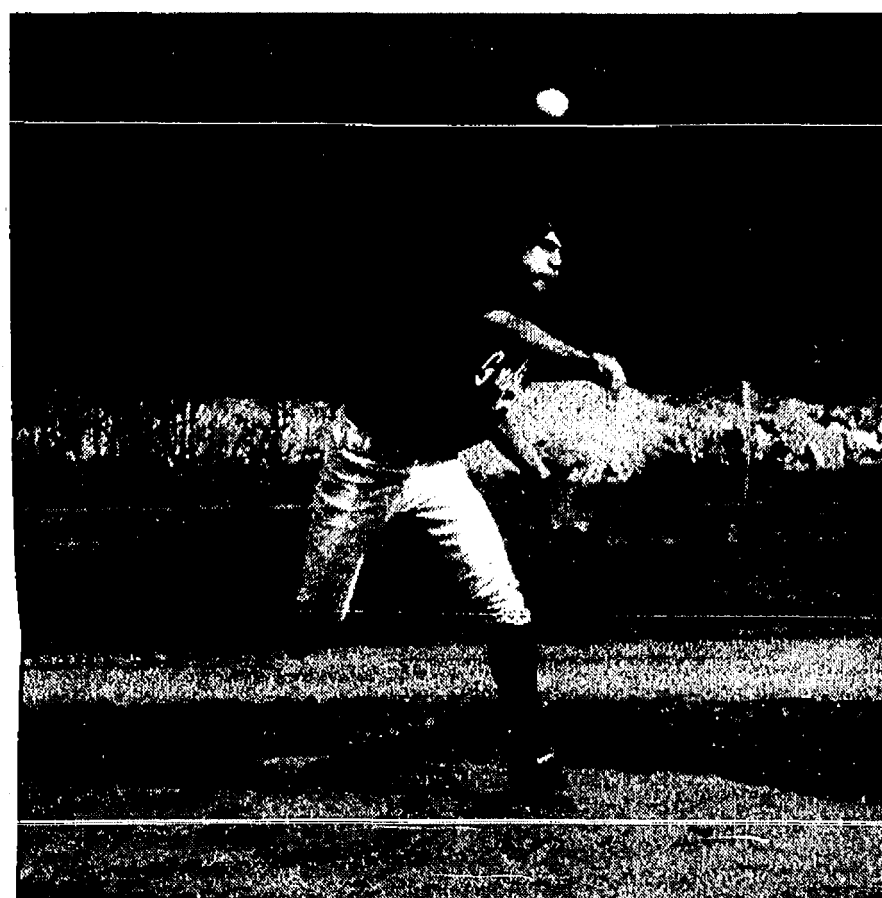
In a doubleheader that featured a slug-fest in game one followed by a relatively low-scoring game two, Grayling High School's junior varsity boys

baseball team split with Elk Rapids last Thursday at GHS.

Grayling won the high-scoring first game 19-10. The Vikings surrendered eight runs in the top of the first inning – due in large part to defensive errors – but they battled back and outscored Elk Rapids 19-2 the rest of the way.

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See "JV SQUAD..."



Eli VanNuck pitches for the Vikings in game one of the Elk Rapids series last Thursday.

## Soccer team hosts West Branch



Photo by Caleb Casey

Grayling defender Emily Dunckley fights for a ball in last Tuesday's match against West Branch Ogemaw Heights at GHS. The Falcons of Ogemaw won the game. For more, see Page 5B.


## Varsity softball team falls to Tawas



Photo by Caleb Casey

Pitcher Laura Gorski tosses to first base after fielding a grounder in last week's varsity girls softball series vs. the visiting Braves of Tawas. Tawas won both games of the doubleheader. For more, see Page 6B.





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Meet the GHS girls track team – the runners (relay, sprinting, and long distance events): (left to right) Tracy Parkinson, Jessica Green, Briea Frisbie, Justine Tozer, Jenny Tozer, Mandy Czapek, Jodi Riddle, Jennifer Millar, Nichole Millar, Nikki Lynch.



The girls track team's field event (long jump, high jump, discus, shot put) competitors: (left to right) Nichole Millar (SP, D), Jessica Green (LJ), Mandy Czapek (SP, D), Jennifer Millar (SP, D), Jodi Riddle (SP, D), Jenny Tozer (SP, D). Not pictured: Ashley Hawley (HJ).

## Short-handed squad places 5th at Mio

### ► Girls track team wins long jump and high jump events

The GHS girls track and field team – with only seven of its athletes – placed fifth out of eight teams at Saturday's Mio Invitational. Competing schools included Alcona, Mio, Rogers City, Pinconning, Hale, Posen, and Hillman.

The Vikings won two events: Ashley Hawley placed first in the high jump event (4'8"), and Jessica Green finished first in the long jump (15'4").

Grayling placed second in the 4X100 relay with a group consisting of Hawley, Jodi Riddle, Briea Frisbie, and Green. The group also took third place in the 4X200 relay race. Green and

Frisbie placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 200-meter dash.

"Because of a conflict with a band competition, I only had seven girls to compete. The girls did a great job and showed a lot of heart. I am especially happy with the relay team. Jodi Riddle ran the relays for the first time this season and did a great job."

The Vikings competed at Standish Sterling Central last Wednesday.

Placements for Grayling at SSC included: Green, 1st, long jump, 14'2.5"; & 2nd, 200-meter dash, 29.35; Hawley, 2nd, high jump, 4'8"; Mandy Czapek, 3rd, shot put, 27'6.5"; Tracy Parkinson, 3rd, 110-meter hurdles, 19.30; Frisbie, 3rd, 100-meter dash, 14.43.

On Wednesday, May 7, the GHS track team will host Tawas at 4 p.m.



The hurdles runners: (left to right) Tracy Parkinson and Justine Tozer.

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# Vikings win, tie vs. Elk Rapids

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In the fifth inning, Alvarez led off with a triple and scored on a throwing error. Ryan Davis scored on a single by Morrill. Elk Rapids scored an unearned run in the bottom of the fifth inning and one in the sixth.

Leading hitters for GHS were: Morrill, 3 for 3, 2 RBI; Czapek, 2 for 2, 1 RBI; Alvarez, 1 for 2.

Wakeley and Czapek pitched for the Vikings. Both pitchers allowed two runs and three hits in four and two innings of work, respectively.

The doubleheader vs. Houghton Lake, scheduled for last Monday was cancelled due to weather. It will not be rescheduled.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost a doubleheader to the Tawas Braves 10-4, 2-0 at Grayling High School.

In game one, Tawas scored 10 runs (two earned, eight unearned) on 11 hits. Grayling scored four runs on seven hits and stranded seven runners on base.

The Vikings got into a 6-1 hole early with four errors in the first three innings. Tawas scored three runs in the first inning, three in the third inning, two in the fourth, and two in the sixth.

Grayling scored its first run in the second inning. Morrill doubled, pinch runner Andy Strohpaul stole third, and scored on a single by Czapek.

The Vikings scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Czapek was hit by a pitch, Matt Strohpaul walked, and Lee Schreiber singled to load the bases. A throwing error on a hit by Caleb Mead allowed two runs to cross the plate. The Vikings scored their final run of the game on a fielder's choice by Kaiser.

Kaiser was the leading hitter for GHS in the match at 2 for 4 with three stolen bases.

Pitchers for Grayling were Matt Strohpaul, a senior, and sophomore Metzger. Strohpaul, the starter, went five innings and Metzger pitched the last two.

Tawas won game two - a pitcher's duel - 2-0.

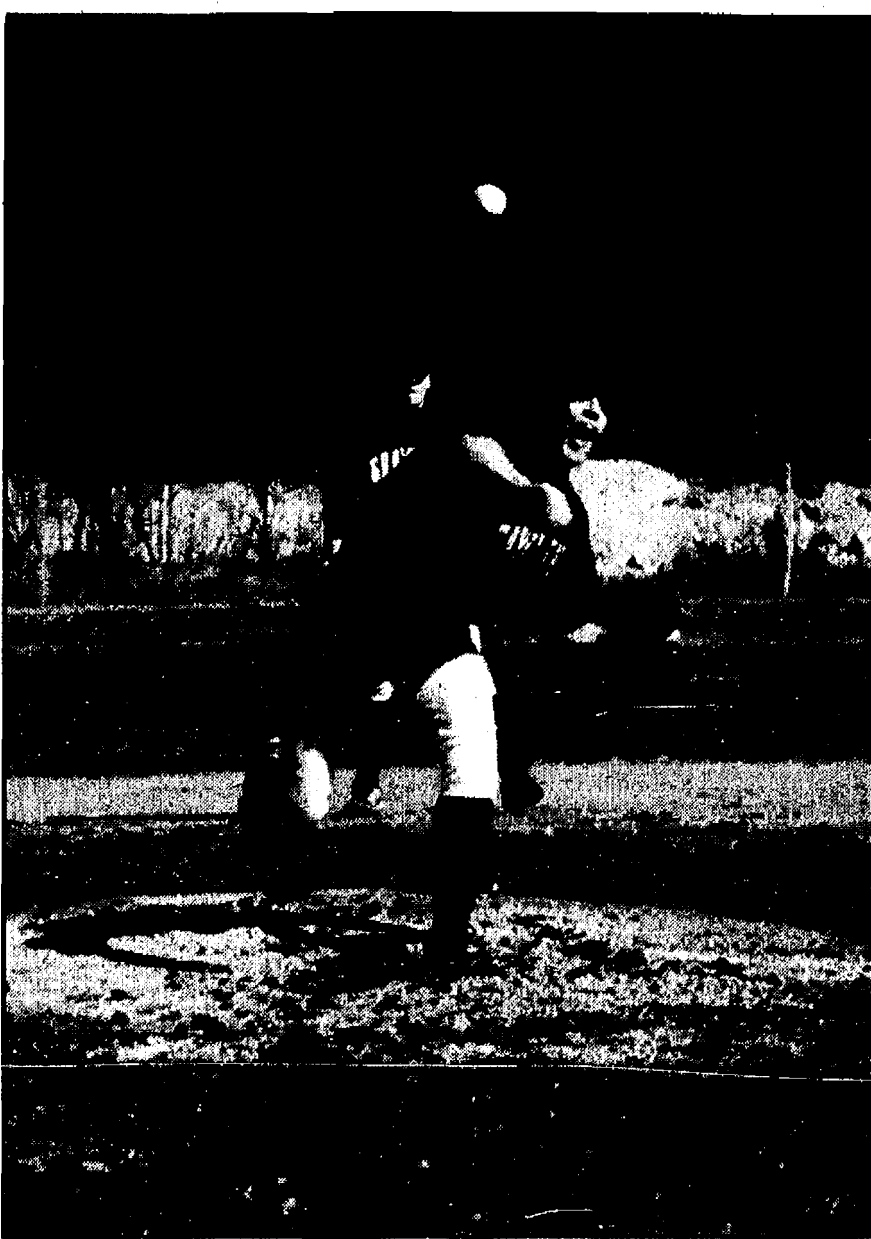
"Singles by D.J. Metzger and Adam Kaiser were the only hits by the Vikings," Coach Bob Gorski said. "Tawas pitcher Jerry Landry, who will pitch for Central Michigan University next season, had 17 strikeouts."

For Grayling, Davis pitched all seven innings. He walked one, surrendered six hits (all singles), and allowed two runs (one earned). "Ryan pitched an excellent game," Coach Gorski said.

Tawas scored one run in the fourth after a batter was hit by a pitch, advanced to second on a wild pitch, and scored on a two-out single. The Braves scored their other run in the fourth inning on a sacrifice fly.

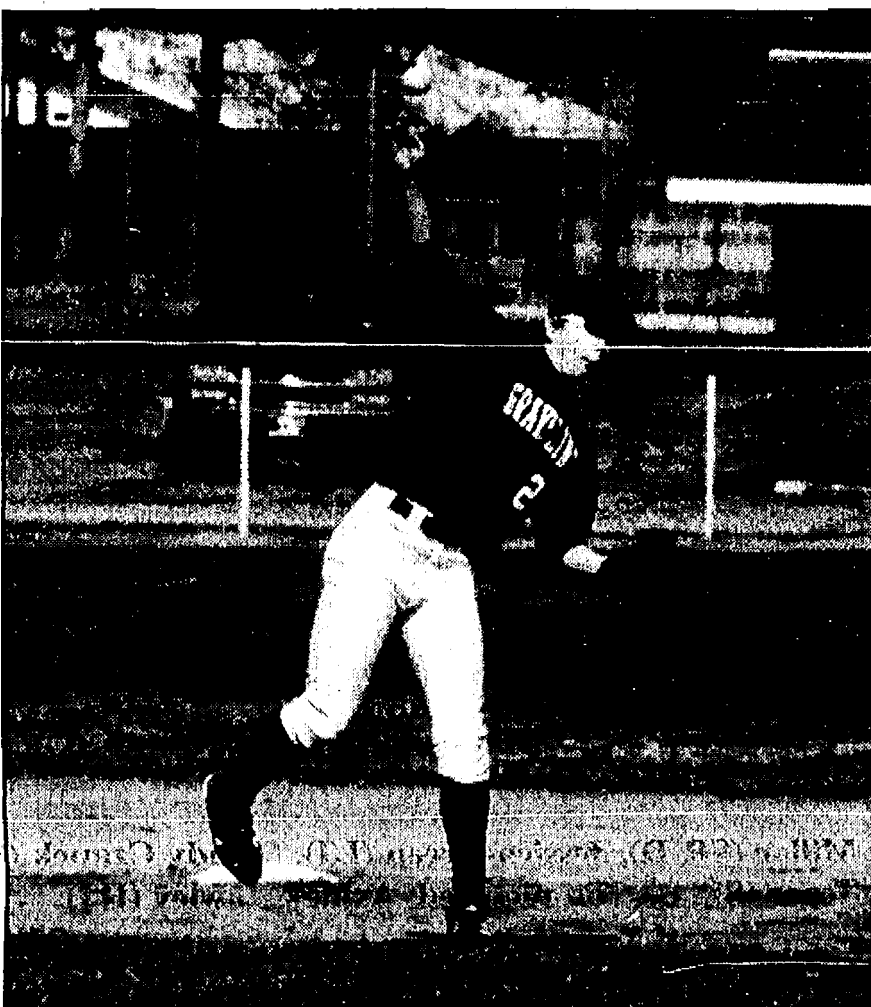
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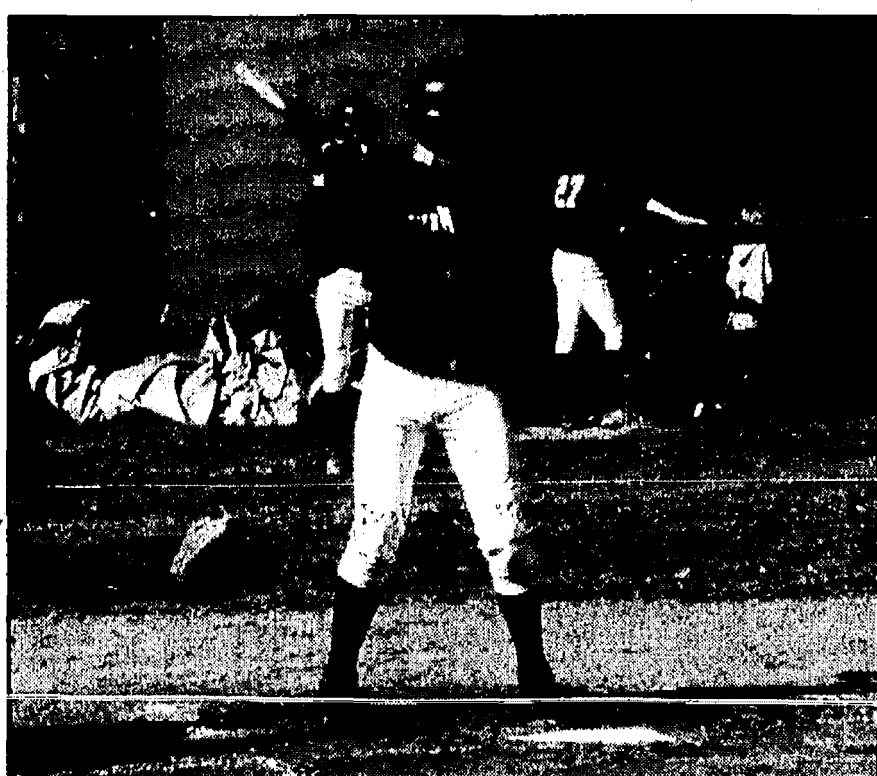


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Matt Strohpaul pitches for Grayling in game one of last week's doubleheader vs. Tawas.



Second baseman Chris Wakeley throws to first base.



Roy Czapek bats for Grayling in the series against Tawas last Tuesday.

## GHS ALUMNI SPORTS NEWS

Brad Gorski, Glen Oaks Community College Baseball

Gorski, a 2001 Grayling High School graduate, batted 3 for 4 with 2 runs scored (game one) and 2 for 2 with 1 RBI (game two) in a doubleheader last Thursday vs. Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Glen Oaks won both games (G1: 6-1, G2: 12-2).

On Saturday, Gorski batted 2 for 4 with 1 run scored in a 12-1 win over Macomb Community College in game two of a doubleheader. Glen Oaks won game

one 5-2.

Glen Oaks has an 18-5 league record, and a 25-11 overall mark.

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The boys track team's sprinters: (left to right) Tom Pilon, A.J. Powers, Chris Squire, Brent Gabriel, Pawel Wojcik, Chris Cragg, Tyler Cragg, Ryan Schmidt. Not pictured: Eric Hunter, Kyle Bond, Dustin Parens, Brad Bindschattel.

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## Track team beats SSC 67-62

► Grayling wins 10 of 17 events at Standish Sterling Central

The Grayling High School boys track team defeated the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central 67-62 in a meet last Wednesday at SSC.

The Vikings won 10 events: Tim Umlor, 1st, discus, 121'1"; Eric Hunter, 1st, long jump, 16'9"; Tyler Cragg, 1st, 100-meter dash, 11.8, & 1st, 400-meter dash, 57.10; Ryan Schmidt, 1st, 300-meter hurdles, 46.53; Shawn Gabriel, 1st, 800-meter run, 2:22.5; Reagan Schmidt, 1st, 3200-meter run, 11:52.62; Michael Salyers, Brent Gabriel, Reagan Schmidt, Shawn Gabriel, 1st, 3200-meter relay, 9:55; S. Gabriel, Chris Cragg, Hunter, Ryan Schmidt, 1st, 800-meter relay, 1:43.22; T. Cragg, S. Gabriel, B. Gabriel, Salyers, 1st, 1600-meter relay, (SSC – DQ).

Other placements that earned team points for GHS included: Ryan Schmidt, 2nd, long jump, 16'7"; Pawel Wojcik, 2nd, 110-meter hurdles, 19.42, & 2nd, 200-meter dash, 25.64; Hunter, 2nd, 100-meter dash, 12.09; Reagan Schmidt, 2nd, 1600-meter run, 5:26.37; Salyers, 3rd, 800-meter run, 2:25.41.

"The boys did an excellent job," said Coach Darnell Wilson. "One of our goals we set this year was for everyone to perform at their highest level, and everyone gave 100 percent at Standish."



Photos by Caleb Casey

The throwers (discus and shot put): (left to right) Ryan Feutz, Tim Umlor, Rich Ryan. Not pictured: Jason Phillips, Greg Warren.

"I knew the guys were going to pull this meet out. They did it as a team. Our young guys stepped up big time and did an excellent job. We had quite a few personal bests," Coach Wilson said. "We've got guys stepping up and improving their game every day. That has been our main goal and focus – to keep improving."

On Saturday, the Vikings competed against athletes from 15 other area schools at the Mio Invitational.

The Vikings won one event: Ryan Schmidt took 1st place in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles (45.61).

Other top placements for Grayling at Mio included:

Umlor – 2nd, discus, 130'4"; 4th, shot put, 38'01"; S. Gabriel – 6th (tie), high jump, 5'0"; 4th, 800-meter run, 2:14.47;

Ryan Schmidt – 6th, long jump, 17'06";

Wojcik – 6th, 110-meter hurdles, 19.75;

T. Cragg – 3rd, 100-meter dash, 11.8; 2nd, 400-meter dash, 55.13;

Reagan Schmidt, 4th, 1600-meter run, 5:10.59; 6th, 3200-meter run, 11:32.07;

Relay events: S. Gabriel, C. Cragg, Hunter, Ryan Schmidt – 4th, 800-meter relay, 1:44.36; B. Gabriel, Wojcik, Hunter, Umlor, 4th, 400-meter relay, 50.87; T. Cragg, S. Gabriel, B. Gabriel, Dustin Parens, 6th, 3200-meter relay.

"We had great Viking fan support at Mio. That helped us out," Coach Wilson said. "Tyler Cragg did an excellent job, placing in three different events. Ryan Schmidt had our only first place of the day. The rest of the guys did really well."

On Wednesday, May 7, the team will host Tawas at 4 p.m.

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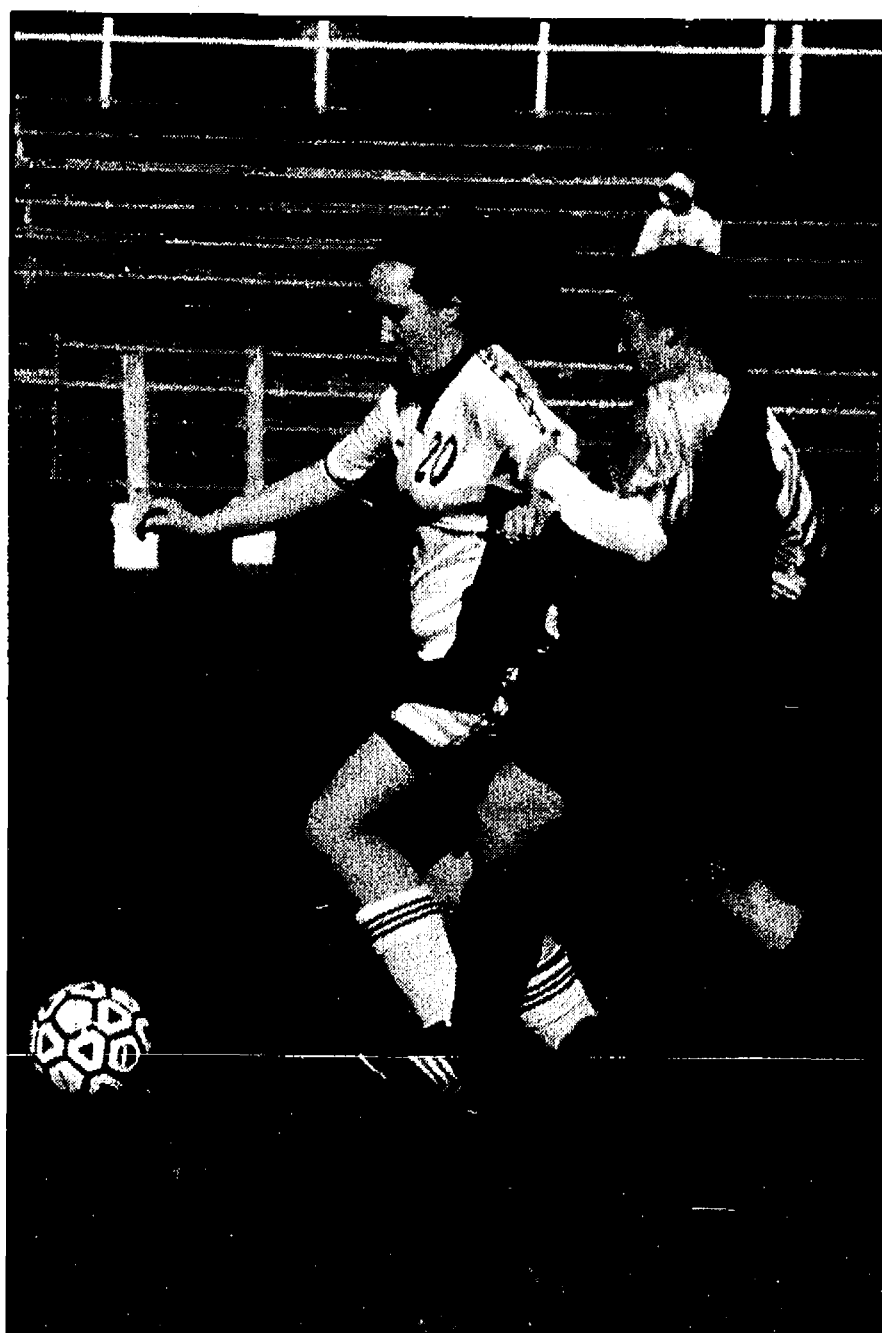
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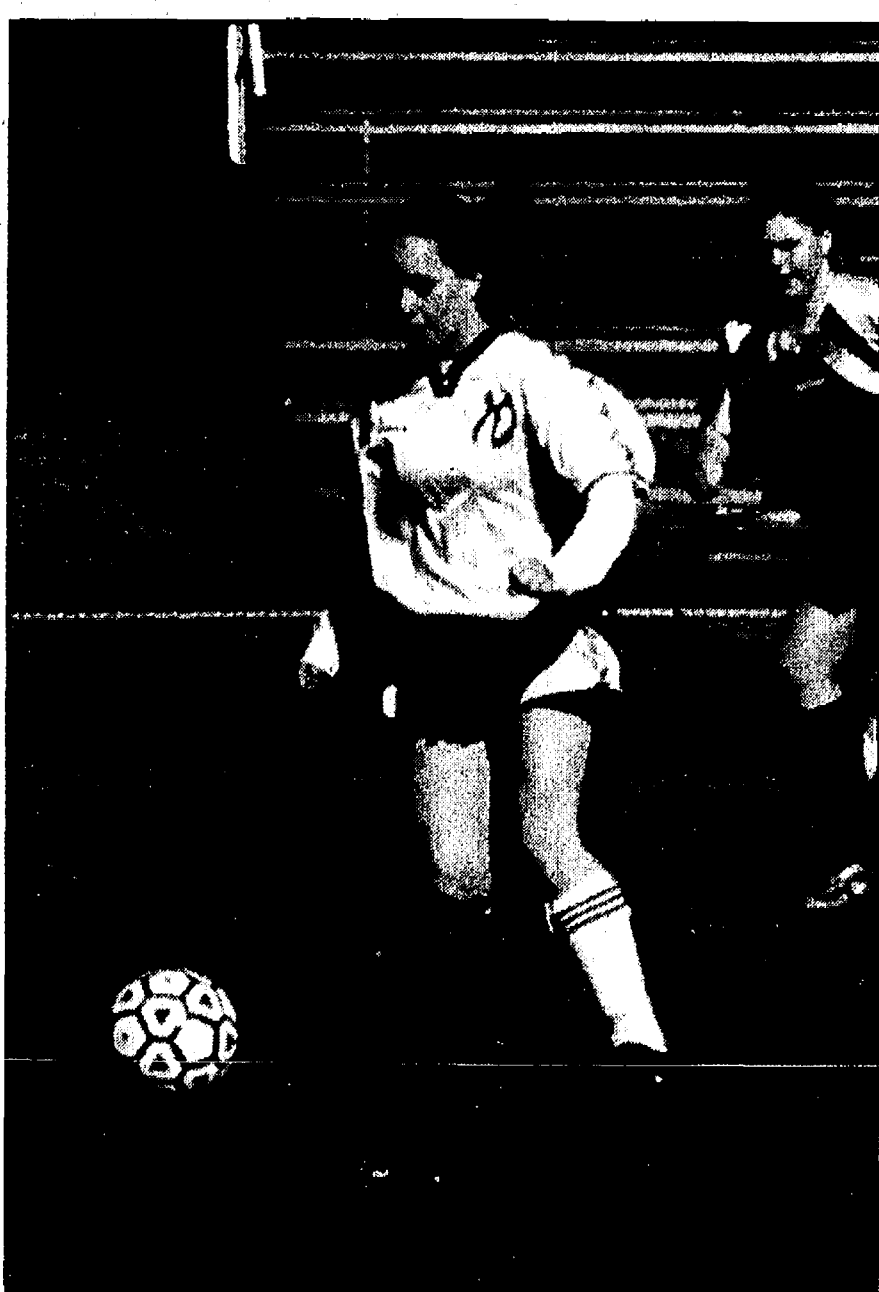
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# Soccer team hosts West Branch



Megan Fekete moves the ball downfield for Grayling in last Tuesday's loss to West Branch Ogemaw Heights at GHS.



Viking forward Jill Seager dribbles the ball in last week's contest vs. the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights.

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Goalie Ashley Bancroft makes a save in the match against Ogemaw.

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# Softball team falls to Tawas

Grayling High School's varsity girls softball team lost a series vs. Tawas in Grayling 11-0, 18-1 last Tuesday.

"The girls played a tough two games against Tawas. We could not seem to get our bats on the ball," Coach Donna Boughner said. "Emily Harvey scored the only run by stealing two bases."

Laura Gorski (game one) and Chelsea Wolcott (game two) pitched for Grayling. Gorski had three strikeouts; Wolcott struck out two.

On defense, "Emily Harvey did a great job for her first time as a catcher, picking off four Braves baserunners. Kelly Duncley did a great job filling in the shortstop position, having three put-outs," Coach Boughner said.

In the team's season opener vs. Roscommon on April 16, the Bucks defeated Grayling 16-1, 21-5.

Gorski pitched both games for GHS.

In game one, leading hitters for Grayling were: Heather Vandecar, 1 for 2, 1 run scored; and Angeanette Lovely, 1 for 2. On defense, Lexi Bondar had one put-out and one assist and Vandecar had two put-outs and one assist.

In the second game, Heather Metzger hit a double and had one RBI; Wolcott, Patti Martella, Skylynn Palmer, Vandecar, and Harvey each scored one run.

The Vikings will host East Jordan on Monday, May 5, at 4:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 6, Grayling will host Standish Sterling Central at 4 p.m.

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Chelsea Wolcott pitches for Grayling in game two of the Tawas series.

Grayling catcher Emily Harvey tags a Tawas runner in a play at the plate.

## Tennis team competes against TC, Elk Rapids

Grayling High School's boys tennis team lost a competitive match at Traverse City Central (JV) last Thursday by a final team score of 6-2.

For Grayling, Todd Gaffke (1st singles) defeated his opponent 6-

3, 7-5 and Erik Olson (3rd singles) won his match 6-2, 6-4.

"All the matches were really competitive and the boys played well," Todd Gaffke and Erik Olson continued to set the tone for the squad. They both are 2-1

on the young season. Zeke Hayes and Nick McNamar lost a close match at #3 doubles 6-7 (6-8), 6-7 (4-7)," Coach Joe Mau said.

Will Brewer (#2 singles) lost a close match 6-2, 4-6, 4-6.

"We are playing with a lot more confidence, effort, and enthusiasm," Coach Mau said. "Hopefully, we can continue to bring that to next week's matches."

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost a meet at Elk Rapids 8-0.

"We really ran into a strong,

talented, and deep Elk Rapids squad. The boys played hard, hustled down many shots, and competed well today," Coach Mau said. "The matches were closer than the scores indicate. We need to just keep working hard to improve."

Gaffke and Olson lost for the first time this year - 6-4, 6-2 and 6-2, 6-3, respectively. Jason Fekete (4th singles) lost 6-2, 7-5.

On Monday, May 5, the Vikings will host Alpena at 4 p.m.

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**Viking of the Week**

Boys Tennis  
Coach: Joe Mau

**TODD GAFFKE**

Todd, a senior, is 2-1 at #1 singles for Grayling so far this season and is playing great tennis.

## FISHING REPORT

**Rivers:** Mid-day fly fishing should be good - try using Hendrickson and Borchers' flies. In the early morning and late evening, use streamer flies.

Bait fishing will be more dominant in the early morning and late evening. With worms, crawlers, and spinners, try moving the bait slowly through holes and logjams.

(Information courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop)

**Lakes:** Anglers have been getting a few bluegill in the channel at Lake Margrethe. A few suckers have been caught in Portage Creek.

Manistee Lake has been okay for bluegill and crappie. The shallows at Higgins Lake have yielded a few perch. Crappie and bluegill fishing has picked up on Houghton Lake.

(Information courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop)

## BOWLING LEAGUE

**American Men's League**  
Warren Forest Products . 34 - 15  
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Fenton's Auto Service . 27 - 22  
McLean's ACE . . . . . 23 - 26  
Forrest Brothers . . . . . 21 - 28  
Scheer Motors . . . . . 18 - 31  
Moore's Automotive . . 10 - 39  
High Series: J. Arwood, 614; J. Hessel, 605; T. Devins, 587.  
High Game: J. Hessel, 256; J. Arwood, 224; T. Devins, 224.

**Sunday - 1:30 pm**

**Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465**  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

**Thursday - 6:30 pm**

**American Legion Hall**

Post 106 - Grayling



# JV squad splits with Elk Rapids

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As a team, the Vikings batted 19 for 34 (.559) with 15 RBI and 7 stolen bases.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: Gibson Tobin — 5 for 5 (including two doubles) with 3 runs scored, 6 RBI, and 2 stolen bases; Eli VanNuck — 2 for 2 with 3 walks and 5 runs scored; Alex McNamara — 4 for 5 with 3 RBI; James Haven — 2 for 4, with 4 runs scored.

Elk Rapids won game two of the doubleheader 6-3. Grayling was 7 for 23 (.304) as a team in the match.

Leading hitters for GHS in

game two were: Tobin — 3 for 3 (with a home run); Matt Swope — 2 for 3 (with a double), 2 RBI.

"(In game one) we had a horrible first inning where we gave up eight runs, but we showed great composure by going on a 19-2 run. The second game we faced a very tough pitcher and had a decent defensive game, but they simply outplayed us," Coach Travis Huber.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost two close games at Tawas. The Braves won 12-10, 9-8.

In game one, Grayling was 8 for 22 as a team (.363) with 8 stolen bases and 8 RBI.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: Tobin, 2 for 3, 3 runs scored, 4 steals, 2 RBI; VanNuck, 1 for 3, 3 RBI, 2 steals; Jason Strohpaal, 2 for 3, 3 RBI.

In the second game, Grayling was 16 for 30 (.533) with 7 RBI. Josh Hinkle was 3 for 3 with 1 run scored, and 1 RBI; Tobin batted 3 for 3 (including a double and a triple) with 2 runs scored and 1 RBI.

"Offensively, we are a very tough team. We are putting up an average of nine runs a game," Coach Huber said. "Gib Tobin, Eli VanNuck, Josh Hinkle, Matt

Swope, and Bobby Starks have been very consistent at the plate and defensively for us. We are very competitive, but we need to find a way to win close games such as these two."

The Vikings host Boyne City on Thursday, May 1, at 4:30 p.m.



Photos by Caleh Casey

Catcher Bobby Starks looks to throw to first base after fielding a swinging bunt in the game against Elk Rapids last Thursday.



Gibson Tobin hits the ball to left field in game one of the Elk Rapids series.

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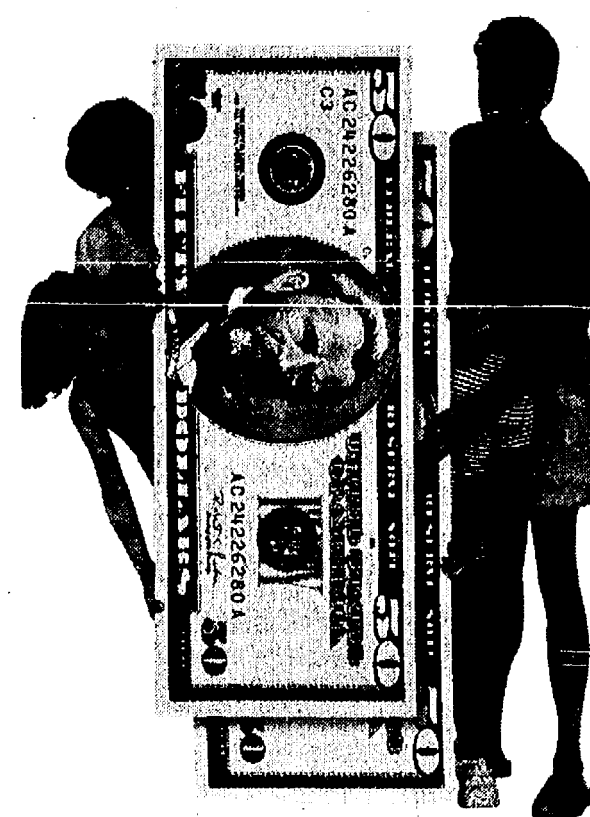


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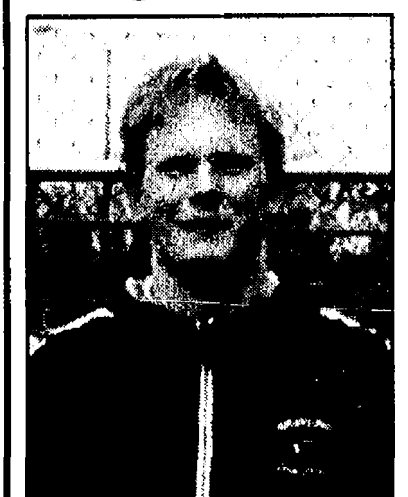
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### 7-Eleven Viking of the Week



Varsity Boys Track  
Coach: Darnell Wilson  
**TIM UMLOR**

Tim won the discus event in the meet against Standish last Wednesday. At the 16-team Mio Invitational, he placed 2nd in discus and 4th in shot put.

Are things beginning to pile up?  
Try thinning things down with an ad in the classifieds of the

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### \*Get Interactive!

Many classes are available live at community hospitals throughout northern Michigan via the REMEC TeleHealth Network. Call Mercy Hospital Grayling for availability.

### Let's Get Moving Northern MI !

Young or old, physically fit or out of shape, this program is for you. Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan is designed to encourage everyone to set personal goals and enjoy regular exercise in an effort to improve physical fitness and lower the incidence of sedentary-related disease. Participants will be encouraged to walk, bike, rollerblade, run, or equivalent activity 100 miles during a 100-day period, from **May 15 to Aug. 22**. Participants who turn in mileage logs will be eligible for weekly random drawings for prizes. Those who turn in a complete log after 100 days will be entered into a drawing for \$100. One prize will be awarded in Grayling, Roscommon, and Houghton Lake.

For a complete list of offerings, visit us online at [MERCYGRAYLING.MUNSONHEALTHCARE.ORG](http://MERCYGRAYLING.MUNSONHEALTHCARE.ORG) or call 1-800-33-MERCY (1-800-336-3729)



Most of us don't think about breathing, and yet we take 20,000 breaths a day. No matter what your age, taking care of your lungs now helps reduce your risk of lung disease in the future.

- Try a brisk 30-minute walk, three to five times a week, to improve breathing
- Eat plenty of brightly colored fruits and vegetables to promote healthy lungs

The community with the most miles logged will be awarded the 2003 Walking Plaque.

Grayling, Roscommon, and Houghton Lake will compete against each other, as well as 15 other communities in northern Michigan. The Governor's Council will award a plaque to the northern Michigan city with the most miles logged. Participating communities logged nearly 220,000 miles last year, and Alpena was awarded the plaque.

During the registration events, free t-shirts will be given to the first 125 participants to register in each community and 25 free pedometers will be given away at the motivational speaker presentations in each community. Free body fat analysis will be available to participants.

### Registration Events:

**Mercy Family Care — Roscommon**  
Senator Michelle McManus is scheduled to attend.

May 12, 4 - 7 pm  
Motivational speaker, 6 pm  
Community kick-off walk, 6:30 pm

**Mercy Family Care — Prudenville**

May 13, 4 - 7 pm  
Motivational speaker, 6 pm  
Community kick-off walk, 6:30 pm

**Mercy Hospital Grayling**

May 14, 4 - 7 pm  
Motivational speaker, 6 pm  
Community kick-off walk, 6:30 pm

After May 12, registration can take place at Mercy Family Care in Prudenville, Roscommon, or Grayling. For registration packets by mail or for more info., call (989) 348-0489 or visit [www.lgmm.com](http://www.lgmm.com).



## LEGAL ACTION

### Mortgage Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian Calkins and Kim Calkins, husband and wife to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2000, and recorded on November 7, 2000, in Liber 522, on page 346 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy three thousand three hundred forty four and 57/100 Dollars (\$73,344.57), including interest at 9.990% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on June 4, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 27, Skyline Heights, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 32, Crawford County Records.

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 4, Town 31 North, Range 7 West, thence North 01 degrees 00 minutes 24 seconds. East 657.09 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 87 degrees 14 minutes 2 seconds West 330.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 00 minutes 24 seconds East 260.00 feet, thence South 88 degrees 11 minutes 58 seconds, East 330.05 feet to the East line of said Section 4, thence South 01 degrees 00 minutes 24 seconds, West along the East line of said Section 4 to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 1, 2003

Attorney For: Mortgagee  
Robert A. Tremain  
& Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue  
Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616  
For information please call:  
(248) 540-7701  
Bank One, N.A.  
Mortgagee

-01-08-15-22

### Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Christopher R. Rollins and Amiee Lynn Rollins, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated September 11, 2002 and recorded on October 1, 2002 in Liber 597 page 426, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$51,899.99.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Parcel "P": The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 3 West. Township of Maple Forest. Also a 1993 Fairmont Mobile Home, Serial #MY9488763.

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale.

Dated: April 8, 2003  
Joseph B. Backus  
Attorney for mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
517-337-1617

-17-24-01-08

## LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

### NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CRAWFORD, OTSEGO AND KALKASKA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

#### TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

**THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003, IS MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.**

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerk must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Melvin G. Nunn, Secretary, Board of Education

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY NATURE PARK PARK SHELTER

#### NOTICE TO VENDORS:

Sealed bids on the "GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY NATURE PARK, PARK SHELTERS" will be received in the office of the Township Supervisor, in the Township Office Building, 2090 Viking Way, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, Michigan 49738 until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2003, after which time no further bids will be received. Bids will be tabulated and the Township may issue a purchase order to the successful contractor after approval by Grayling Township.

This project is for furnishing, delivering, and possible erection of one (1) 30' x 36' steel beam park shelter with fiberglass shingles in the Grayling Fish Hatchery Nature Park. Proposals will be accepted for furnishing the park shelter only, erecting the park shelter only, or both furnishing and erecting the park shelter.

The Proposal, Contract forms, Plans and Specifications may be examined and obtained at the office of the Township Supervisor, Grayling Township Office Building, Grayling, Michigan.

The Township reserves the right to accept any Proposal, and to reject or to waive any irregularities in any or all Proposals. The Township will determine, after reviewing the bids, if exercising the erection option is in the Township's best interest and may or may not contract for the erection of the park shelter.

Terry Wright  
Township Supervisor

## Foreclosure Notice

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Fred E. Simpson, a single man to New Century Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2002 and recorded May 1, 2002 in Liber 579 on Page 607, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the Registered Holders of the ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-NCI, by assignment dated March 27, 2003 and received by and recorded in Crawford County Records on April 3, 2002, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety and 88/100 Dollars (\$184,190.88), including interest at 8.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on May 21, 2003.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Parcel B: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes East, along the North 1/8 line of said Section 24, 412.35 feet to the center line of Twin Bridge Road; thence South 25 degrees 38 minutes East, 645 feet to the place of beginning; thence North 64 degrees 22 minutes East, 353.95 feet to the right bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 34 minutes East, along said river bank, 100 feet; thence South 53 degrees 10 minutes West, 113.91 feet; thence South 64 degrees 22 minutes West, 305.18 feet; thence North 25 degrees 38 minutes West, 100 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West. Parcel C: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes East, along the North 1/8 line of said Section 24, 412.35 feet to the center line of Twin Bridge Road; thence South 25 degrees 38 minutes East, 745 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 64 degrees 22 minutes East, 305.18 feet; thence North 53 degrees 10 minutes East, 113.91 feet to the right bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes East, along said river bank, 100 feet; thence South 44 degrees West, 214.12 feet; thence South 64 degrees 22 minutes West, 303.88 feet; thence North 25 degrees 38 minutes West, 100 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 8, 2003  
U.S. Bank National Association,  
as trustee, on behalf of the  
Registered Holders of the  
ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates  
Series 2002-NCI,  
Assignee of Mortgagee  
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates,  
P.C.  
36150 Dequindre Rd. Ste 810  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
(586) 795-4400 Ext 111  
Our File No: 03-13292

-17-24-01-08-15

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday, May 14, at 6 p.m., in the Grayling Township Hall meeting room, to take public comment on Lake Margrethe. This hearing is for the purpose of general fact finding. Comments can be of any issue that citizens wish to convey to the board, including boat launching, boat traffic, parking, swimming issues, road ends, etc.

Although no decisions will be made by the board during the public hearing, the board will use the comments as a basis for future plans and actions.

Following the public hearing, at 7 p.m., the board will convene its regularly scheduled May meeting to discuss all township business.

All citizens are invited to attend.

Terry R. Wright  
Supervisor

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael L. Alma a married man and Cynthia A. Alma his wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 20, 1999, and recorded on May 13, 1999 in Liber 481 on Page 355 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated April 20, 1999, which was recorded on July 19, 1999, in Liber 486 on Page 290, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Fifty-Seven and 23/100 dollars (\$31,057.23), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be fore-closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 am, on May 28, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: The North 215 feet of the South 645 feet of that part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, lying East of State Highway US-27. Also the North 215 feet of the South 645 feet of the West 659.43 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 24, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #200317471  
Team X

-24-01-08-15

## Paid Advertisement

A huge Corporation called Countrywide Home Loan is so huge that I cannot talk to the same person twice! And they laughed at me when I gave the name of the person that I last spoke to, and with laughter they said there are thousands of people that work there, and they could not possibly know who that person was. They have a mortgage literally only on the north portion of the house. The driveway and mailbox is not upon the mortgaged property.

Mortgage between holder of mortgage known as Countrywide Home Loan, Inc. and the assumer of faulted mortgage is Rex Alma.

Due to a fault in the mortgage contract, I openly believe that no sealed bid should be allowed in the forthcoming mortgage foreclosure sale of the property known also as 4632 Old 27 North, Frederic (with the legal description shown in the accompanying mortgage foreclosure notice by Trott & Trott) due to the fact that the location of the home is not located entirely upon the premises of the mortgaged property description in the mortgage. The property lines are known by survey on record with Crawford County.

The first notice of foreclosure sale is in the April 24, 2003 issue of our local news-

paper known as the Avalanche. On January 27, 2003 I notified Countrywide in writing: "I presently own the property which part of the house is located upon. This certainly jeopardizes or at least may virtually prevent the sale of the home and mortgage in any form of good faith and effort."

Despite endless hours of my talking on the phone and Faxes and letters too, Countrywide says it will not negotiate with me but say that Fannie Mae wants it's money!

Rex Alma, Frederic

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## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Grant, a single man (original mortgagors) to Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger and/or name change to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 11, 1997, and recorded on September 12, 1997 in Liber 437 on Page 582 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One and 87/100 dollars (\$29,621.87), including interest at 8.700% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 21, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 20 feet of the Northwest 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of Lot 5, Block 4, Martha Brinks Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 17, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team W (248) 593-1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #200316954

-17-24-01-08-15

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald E. Ray and Gail S. Ray, husband and wife, of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor, to Pines Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 1997, and recorded on April 14, 1997 in Liber 428, on page 96, Crawford County Records, Michigan, which said mortgage was thereafter assigned to Norma E. Daugherty Revocable Living Trust by assignment dated April 8, 1997, and recorded on June 19, 1997 in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Crawford in Liber 432 of Crawford County Records, on page 75, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$9,955.48 plus \$3.93 interest per day after 4/10/03.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed thereon at sixteen and 00/100 (16%) per cent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to County Building in City of

Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Township of Lovells, Parcel E-1: Commencing at the S 1/4 corner of Sec. 27, T 28 N, R 2W; thence S 87 degrees 58 minutes E 330.0 feet along Sec. line, thence N 0 degrees 40 minutes W 393.07 feet; thence N 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds E 526.34 feet along centerline of county road 612; thence N 53 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds E 1034.25 feet; along northerly line of railroad grade; thence N 0 degrees 38 minutes W 658.82 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 0 degrees 38 minutes W 330.0 feet; thence N 89 degrees 49 Minutes E 200.0 feet along center of county road, thence S 0 degrees 38 minutes E 330.0 feet; thence S 89 degrees 49 minutes W 200.0 feet to the point of beginning. Part of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 24 T 28 N, R 2 W, Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Sidwell No. 20-013-024-013-020-06

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: March, 2003  
Norma E. Daugherty  
Revocable Trust, Mortgagee  
Michael A. Nedelman (P35433)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
Nedelman Pawlak, PLC  
32000 Northwest Highway, Ste. 240  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334  
(248) 855-8888  
File No. 1104.802

03-10-17-24-1

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald B. Graham, an unmarried man (original mortgagors) to Rescue Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 16, 2000, and recorded on June 1, 2000 in Liber 509 on Page 51 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Assignee by an assignment dated March 24, 2003, which was recorded on April 16, 2003, in Liber 628 on Page 581, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Two and 04/100 Dollars (\$65,462.04), including interest at 10.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on June 4, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7, Block 10, Original Plat of The Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 1, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team M (248) 593-1306  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #200315652

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### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF LAND AND FACILITIES NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE OF SURPLUS LANDS LAND TRANSACTION CASE NO. 20000281

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2133, Part 21, Subpart 10 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) proposes to sell the following State-owned land or rights in land by auction:

**Crawford County, Lovells Township, T28N, R1W, Section 21; the SW1/4 of the NW1/4. 40 acres. (NOTE: No public road frontage.)**

Bid packages and forms are available on the DNR website at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) under "Sales and Leases." Information packages and bid forms may also be obtained by contacting Carol Larsen, Office of Land and Facilities, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948; or calling 517-373-1240. Sealed bids must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2003, and will be opened on June 11, 2003.

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# FACTS AND FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago May 1, 1980

L. Curtis Haas, Crawford County Sheriff since 1977, will be resigning his post effective in mid-May. He will be relocating south with his family later in May where he plans to continue in the law enforcement profession.

In an order signed April 28, Circuit Court Judge William Porter has appointed Grayling Attorney Alton T. Davis as Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney.

Grayling High School Girl's Track Team will compete this Thursday at Roscommon. Members include Beth Jones, Kris McClelland, Joan Stevens, Diane Lee, Joyce Stevens, Shelly Peterson, Karen Hanson, Jill Headlee, Wendy Savallisch, Brenda Robinson, Diane Savallisch, Jean Stevens, Celina Eshenroder and Lisa Radebaugh.

Ms. Senior Citizens Pageant was held last Friday night before a standing room only crowd. Anne Buron, Ms. South Branch Township, was crowned Ms. Senior Citizen. Judges were Toni Trudgeon, Ted Kotes and Jack Alef. Grayling's "Bertha Parks," Evelyn Shuraleff, was Mistress of Ceremonies.

Congratulations to the Middle School Track Team on its victory over Gaylord and Fairview last Wednesday. Dawn Weatherly broke our school records in both the 220 and 100 yard dashes. Jean Bitner broke her own 100 yard low hurdle school record and tied the record for the high

jump.

Robert H. Howlett, MD, of Grayling, is among 64 physicians who graduated from medical school 50 years ago and is being honored by the Michigan State Medical Society.

Four Grayling High School Band Students and a fifth Junior High Band Student were recipients of special awards made at the Spring Concert on Tuesday evening.

The prestigious John Philip Sousa award this year went to senior cornet player Mary Stewart.

The Grayling High School baseball squad this week launched its 15-game regular season schedule. Team members include Joel Money, Brad Trenary, Jamey Radebaugh, Richard Schreiber, Pat Hickey, Jeff Kortes, Jack Money, Monty D'Amour, Scott Hale, Terry Lucksted, Bill Roach, Jay Schrader, John Junttila, Kevin LaMotte, Jerry Lucksted, Ted Methner, Bill Lucksted, Dan Lucksted and Perry D'Amour.

Grayling High School freshman Jim Kitchen was one of the lucky anglers who braved the elements to "go after the big one" on opening day. By mid-morning, Jim had hooked onto a 14-inch brown trout.

Dwight Mitchell Hendrich, son of the Walter Hendrich's of Lake Margrethe, and grandson of the Harrison Goodhunes of Grayling, was inducted as an Eagle Scout at ceremonies conducted at Grand Blanc. At 16, he was the

youngest of the four young men who achieved this honor at the induction ceremonies.

### 46 Years Ago

#### May 2, 1957

Mike Roberts, son of Conservation officer and Mrs. Clarence Roberts of Grayling hooked a beautiful rainbow on the East Bank opening morning.

Over 200 were in attendance at the Grayling High All Sports banquet sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Those attending included Kiwanis members, their wives and guests, Grayling High athletes and their parents, the coaches and their wives and other guests.

The annual Junior Prom honoring the senior class of Grayling High School will be held on May 11. The planned event will feature music furnished by the Don-D Nones, from St. Louis, Michigan.

The Grayling High Vikings got rolling in their second track meet by swamping the Mancelona Ironmen 70 2/3 to 37 1/3.

The Senior Class of Grayling High attended Senior Government Day at Mio High School. Also participating were the seniors from Roscommon, Houghton Lake, Frederic and Fairview.

Three students were named as the honor students of the class of 1957 at the Frederic Community School. Elizabeth Hamblin and JoAnn Morris were named as co-Valedictorians and Loreli Schmidt was designated as salutatorian.

Playing this week at the Rialto is "Teahouse of the August Moon," with Marlon Brando and Glenn Ford.

### 69 Years Ago

### May 3, 1934

In figuring up the marks for this year's valedictorian, it was found that Virginia and Matilda Engel were tied. The Engel sisters have, through their four years of high school, had exactly the same marks and only two B's apiece-the rest all A's. As a result of this tie there will be a co-valedictory this year.

Trout fishing in general wasn't so hot on the first day of the open season. The mainstream of the AuSable seemed to be about the only place where trout were being caught.

Those who have been saying that spring was just around the corner are sadly mistaken. Here it is the third of May and we haven't seen any spring yet, but we have with us genuine summer weather. From winter to summer is what we got this year.

### 92 Years Ago

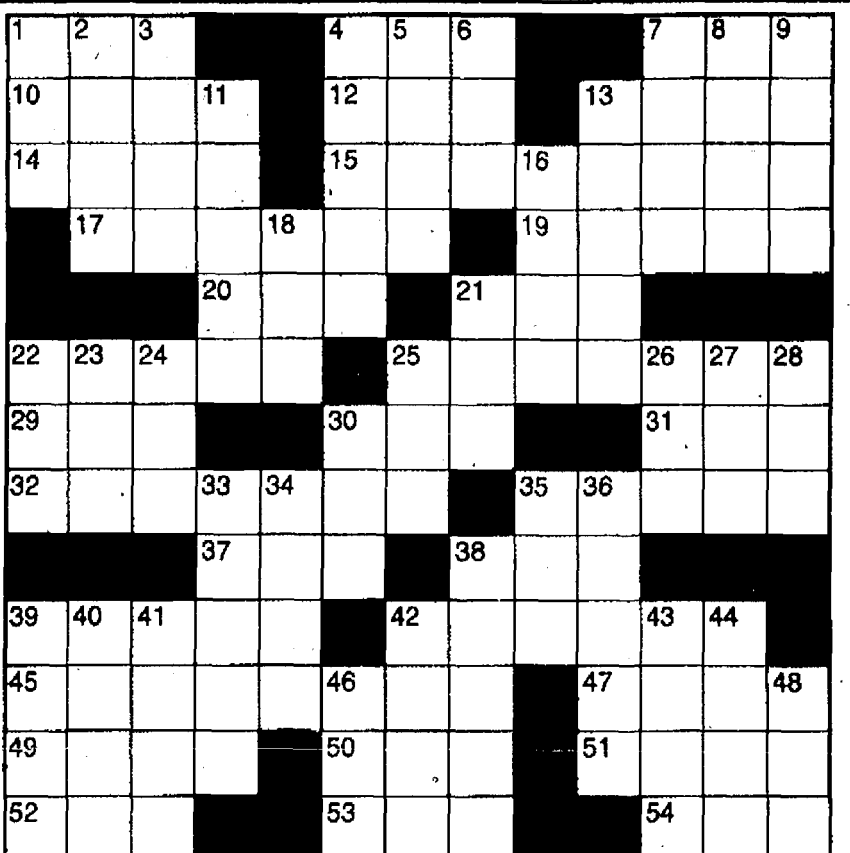
#### May 4, 1911

More than a hundred passengers took the Lewiston train Monday for the fishing on the North Branch, and other hundreds have stopped here for the mainstream. There are many ladies in the party and the cold rain and snow is not especially conducive to their pleasure.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Sisters of Mercy have taken charge of our new hospital and will in the future be conducting it.

Between last Saturday and Tuesday morning the mercury registered from 78 degrees down to 28 degrees, and in that time there was 2 1/2 inches of rainfall and two inches of snow. Beautiful May weather.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Roadie's burden
4. TV's Grant
7. Police notice: abbr.
10. Maglie et. al.
12. Gives the nod
13. Was dressed in
14. Scenery object
15. Rivet, catch or clasp
17. Garrett Morris' "Hunter" role
19. Bungling
20. Affectedly shy
21. Quayle's st.
22. Chatty
25. Discomposed
29. Cinnabar, e.g.
30. Film company letters
31. Coach Parseghian
32. Cleaning liquid
35. Spring-blooming annual
37. Chicago White \_\_\_\_\_
38. Long time
39. "Lost in \_\_\_\_\_"
42. Seeing socially
45. Haughty
47. Threshold
49. Aroma
50. Kilmer of The Saint
51. Author Kazan
52. Vane dir.
53. Navy off.
54. Lesson

### DOWN

1. Sacred snake of Egypt
2. Planet with canals
3. Dropping-in-water sound
4. Exalted
5. Not good, not bad
6. Ocean vessel initials
7. Top quality
8. Get ready for surgery
9. Comic Lahr
11. Part of the Enterprise crew
13. Makes one's way
16. Nancy Sinatra's sister
18. Banjo man Clark
21. FC maker
22. Done \_\_\_\_\_ turn (2 wds.)
23. Provide guns
24. Moon vehicle: abbr.
25. Ottoman official
26. Solo of Star Wars
27. Bitter vetch
28. "\_\_\_\_\_ Tripper" (Beatles)
30. Mingle
33. Radioman's "O"
34. Coward who was knighted
35. Kettle
36. Liqueur flavoring
38. Holliman and Scruggs
39. Clumsy boat
40. Tablets
41. Declare
42. Cain of "Lois & Clark"
43. Karnak's river
44. Unconstrained
46. "\_\_\_\_\_ Grown Accustomed To Her Face"
48. Workroom, for short

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



**SALSA CATFISH**

6 U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish fillets, 6 and garlic salt. Prepare a hot fire. to 8 ounces each

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground white When ready to grill, place fish on an oiled perforated grill rack. Grill until fish is opaque and flakes when tested with a fork, about 10 minutes per inch of thickness, turning once halfway through cooking.

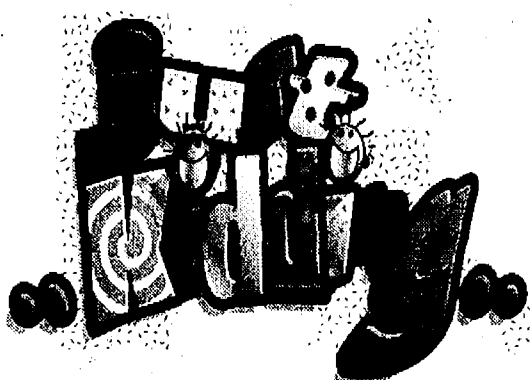
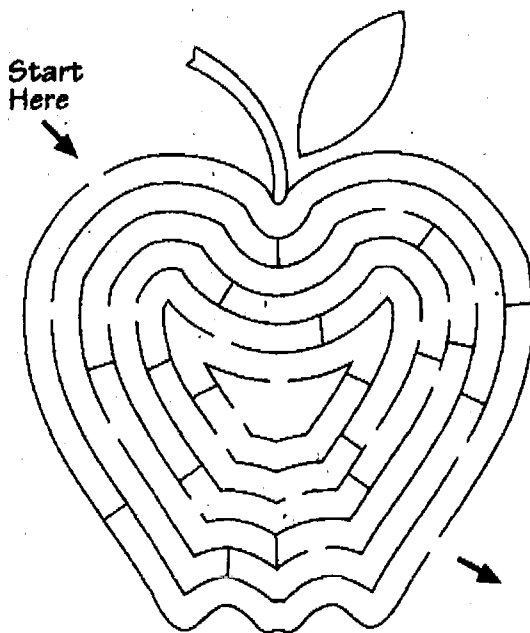
3/4 teaspoon garlic salt

2 cups of your favorite prepared salsa

Serve the fish topped with salsa.

Sprinkle the fillets with the pepper Serves 6.

## MAZE

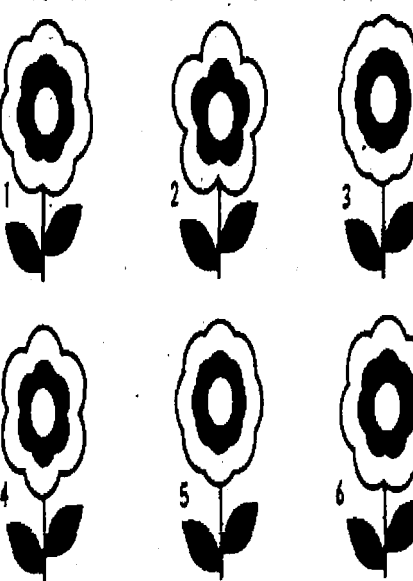


## DID YOU KNOW

At one time in China, geese were given as a present to newlyweds because geese are said to be faithful to each other.

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## Adopt a Pet



Ike and his brother Mike are four month old puppies who look like they will grow into very large dogs. They are neutered and have all their vaccinations. We believe they are probably collie/shepherd crosses. Nice pups. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter was especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, and Wild Animal-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain
4/23	45	24	0
4/24	56	23	0
4/25	65	23	0
4/26	55	26	0
4/27	54	27	0
4/28	72	45	0
4/29	70	30	0

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 54	High 57	High 53	High 57	High 59	High 60
Low 39	Low 36	Low 30	Low 33	Low 37	Low 37
Mostly Cloudy	Light Rain	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy

# HOROSCOPES

For the Week of May 1, 2003

**ARIES**

You just received a promotion and you're feeling on top of the world. Take advantage of your newfound confidence to try a few things you've always wanted to do but never had the courage to do.

December 22-January 19

**TAURUS**

A financial deal is in the making. Investigate it carefully before investing in it; there is a lot you do not know. A friend asks for a favor; go ahead and say yes.

March 21-April 19

**GEMINI**

A family member makes a startling announcement. Don't let your skepticism get the best of you and keep you from sharing in their happiness.

June 22-July 22

**CANCER**

Life has become mundane. It's time for a change of pace. Get out and revisit old haunts, or better yet, go someplace new.

September 23-October 22

**LEO**

An exciting event is about to take place—prepare to be surrounded by chaos. Your finances are improving. Continue sticking to your budget and you may just get ahead.

January 20-February 18

**VIRGO**

An elderly friend makes a mistake. Offer your support and do what you can to help them correct the situation. Time is running out on a deadline.

April 20-May 20

**LIBRA**

Are you ready for some fun and relaxation? Travel is on the agenda. A colleague is facing a crisis and may seek your advice.

July 23-August 22

**SCORPIO**

An evening out with family is sure to raise your spirits. Do a little dancing, eat some good food and enjoy their company. The rest of the week might not be so lovely.

October 23-November 21

**SAGITTARIUS**

An old friend that you had a falling out with returns. Don't be alarmed. What happened in the past will stay there, and the two of you will make a fresh start.

January 19-February 20

**CAPRICORN**

Wonders never cease. Things are improving at home, and work is picking up. A new project may soon land on your desk.

May 21-June 21

**AQUARIUS**

No matter how hard you try, you just can't seem to get your ideas across at work. Relax. When the time comes, your coworkers will listen.

August 23-September 22

**PISCES**

You can't quite put your finger on it, but something isn't quite at home. Be patient. Whatever it is will soon be revealed.

November 22-December 21



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### 1. Real Estate

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### 1. Real Estate

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### 1. Real Estate

**LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES** Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**LAKE VIEW LOTS** 175 ft. x 125 ft. on Lincoln Park Rd. \$45,000 (419) 885-3430 (-24-1-8-15-22-29/1)

**MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground** Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

**THREE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING** lots close to town. \$8,500 each. Natural gas. (989) 348-6938. (4/17/03tf/1)

**GRAYLING TOWNSHIP** Vacant lots for sale. 1/2 acre wooded, main road. \$13,900 each. Krausmann Realty. (248) 333-8888 (LR6/19/03/1)

**CHARMING, SECLUDED** three bedroom home on three wooded acres. Vaulted living room ceiling, 1.5 bath, ceramic tile in kitchen and bathrooms, wood stove, new deck and new carpet throughout. Includes stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. 10 minutes from Grayling and Roscommon. \$89,900 (989) 302-0284 (-1-8-15-22/1)

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**SECLUDED ESTATE ON 1.75 ACRES** with additional 2 lots available. This well crafted home is immaculate and offers an open floor plan with 1170 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Armstrong long and grove hardwood floors throughout, oak kitchen cabinets with double duty island serves as work space and snack bar, cathedral ceilings, crestone vinyl windows, ceramic floor in bath, drywall throughout, 2 car attached garage. Comes completely furnished except few items. State land and snowmobile trails 1/4 mile. AuSable River 3.4 mile. Turn key. CS-1672 \$96,800

**VICTORIAN HOME WITH TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE!** 4 bedroom, 2 bath recently remodeled. New oak kitchen cabinets & appliances. Pergo floors. Formal dining area. Large living room with fireplace, full basement. 2 car garage on double city lot. CS-1311 \$155,000

**BEAUTIFUL HOME IN THE CITY!** Immaculately well maintained home offers 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 1/2 car detached garage. Appliances include stove, refrigerator (new), and garbage disposal. Washer and dryer negotiable. New carpet, new furnace & hot water heater, new roof on house and garage. Concrete circle drive. Great location. CS-1703 \$67,500

**471 FEET AUSABLE RIVER WITH 2.75 ACRES.** Tranquil setting with lots of wildlife. Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1800 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manicured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$199,000

**150' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER!** 10.08 acres. Prime building site 12 x 56 concrete slab, well, septic, and electricity. Great for hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. CH-1661 \$66,900

**MANISTEE RIVER ONLY 1/2 MILE AWAY** and state land across road. Great location close to canoeing, fishing, and hunting. 1,248 s.f., 3 B/R, 3 baths, vaulted ceiling, and three sky lites. 14 x 24 detached garage and a 20 x 40 slab for pole barn. CH-1730 \$73,900

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**A&W RESTAURANT,** excellent business opportunity. 9,000 daily traffic count, all fixtures, equipment, furnishings and inventory on site. 2,825 s.f., seats 88 people, 11 station call-in (Car Hop), 16x130 canopy. Sales and expenses on file. On Site Home for residency also available for \$60,000. CH-1570 \$259,000

**3 ACRES WITH DEEDED EASEMENT** to AuSable River "Holy Waters" and adjoining state land on south & east sides. Newer 1,865 s.f. spacious ranch home offering 3 large bedrooms, 2 baths, sliding doorwall onto 6 x 8 porch, 10 x 32 deck, foundation for attached garage, and a 32 x 32 pole barn with two 10 x 32 lean-to's. Great location close to town and very secluded! CH-1713 \$119,000 Purchaser of home has first option on adjoining 3 acres with a 32 x 32 garage for \$27,900

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**SALES TEAM**

**New Listing**  
Comfortable Home with Guest Quarters! This well cared for comfortable 1 BR, 2 bath home offers lots of extras including a guest quarters/apartment, or make it all one big home. The family room behind the garage has a hot tub & is insulated & heated. Two year old metal roof on all. Really must see to appreciate! \$135,000 #226164

**Price Reduction**  
Location\*Location\*Location! Located on I-75 Business Loop just North of M-72. 18 units, some are apartments rented monthly, some are with kitchenettes rented weekly or monthly. 3 jacuzzi room and 1 other motor unit rented nightly. Lots of possibilities. \$240,000 #225808

**Large Remodeled Home!** Large 4 BR home recently remodeled with new carpet, drywall, ceramic tile, roof and siding. Penced yard. This is truly a must see! \$40,000 window allowance included. Sellers are licensed Real Estate Agents. \$79,900 #10426

**Corner Lot • Central Aft** Immaculate 3BR, 2 bath home with 12 x 22 enclosed sun room, large master bath, decks on 2 sides, oversized garage with concrete floor-electric drive thru doors. Park like setting, approximately 5 miles from Roscommon and near state land. \$99,900 #11128

**Nice Home for Family!** Just 5 miles from Roscommon, this 3 BR, 1 bath home is just off a major paved road. Completely remodeled interior, new kitchen, all new electric, and 2 new porches. Close to state land and Kirtland College, great for a family. \$64,900 #220100

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**Energy-Efficient Home In City!** Enjoy the convenience of in-town living. This 3BR, 2 bath energy-efficient home has been well-cared for. New roof in 1998, painted inside and out in 2000 & 2001 and newer vinyl in kitchen and baths. Fenced-in back yard with extensive decking and patio with benches. Lots of storage throughout and a black-top driveway. \$95,000 #220754

**Nice Home in Quiet Area!** Nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch with attached garage in quiet area, close to trails and state land. \$82,500 #225478

**Lovely Home in Quiet Neighborhood!** 3 bedroom, 2 bath home close to town in a very nice neighborhood. 2 car attached garage, sprinkler system and natural gas. Seller is licensed real estate agent. \$98,900 #225489

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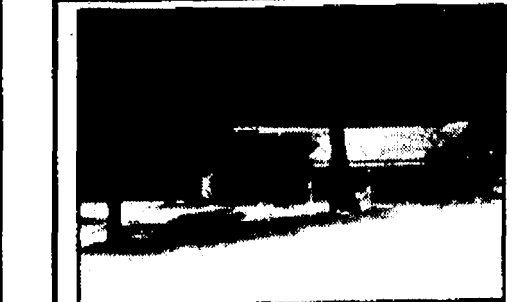
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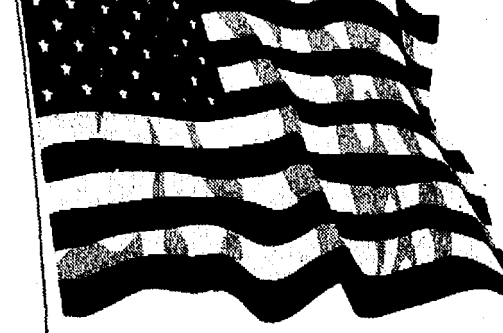


**Immaculately kept three bedroom** one bath home with a 10 x 16 sun-porch, 24 x 24 garage. This home would make a great starter or retirement home. Home and garage had new metal roofs installed in 2001. A must see!! \$75,000 #5079

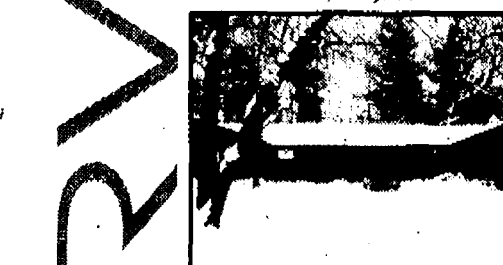
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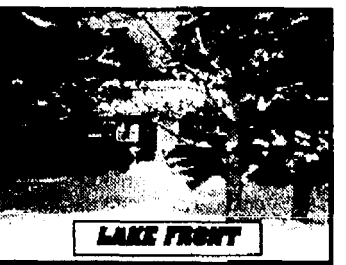
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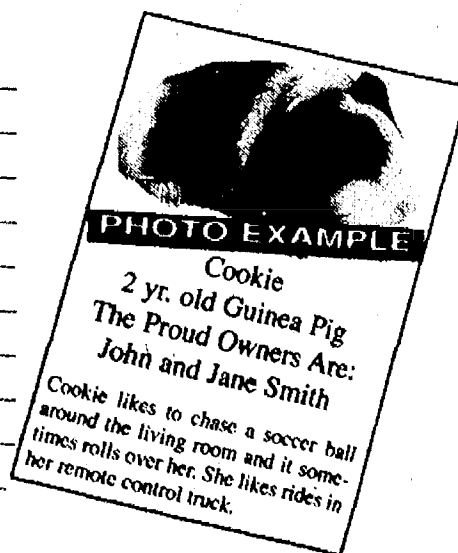


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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #106** will be holding their installation of officers meeting May 7, 2003, 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck dinner. (-1/8)

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**BEAD NIGHT** May 5 at J. Dap Co. 118 Michigan Ave. 5:30-8:00 p.m. Bring your project or make a new project. Glass, semi precious stones, findings. (989) 348-4011 (-1/8)

**GARAGE SALE** May 2 and 3. 10:00-4:00 p.m. Microwave, dishes, books, toddler bed. 3452 Jones Lake Road. (-1/10)

**SALE** 124 Isenhauer. May 2-3, 9:00-5:00. Furniture, household, lots of miscellaneous (-1/10)


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**YARD SALE** 6977 S. Military Rd., Grayling. Saturday, May 3rd. 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. No early sales. Canceled if rain. (-1/10)

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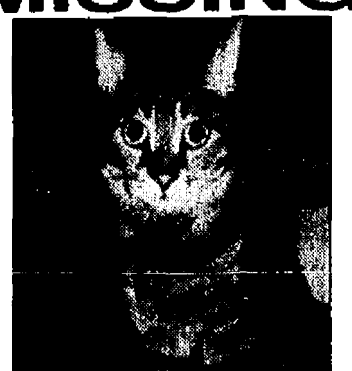
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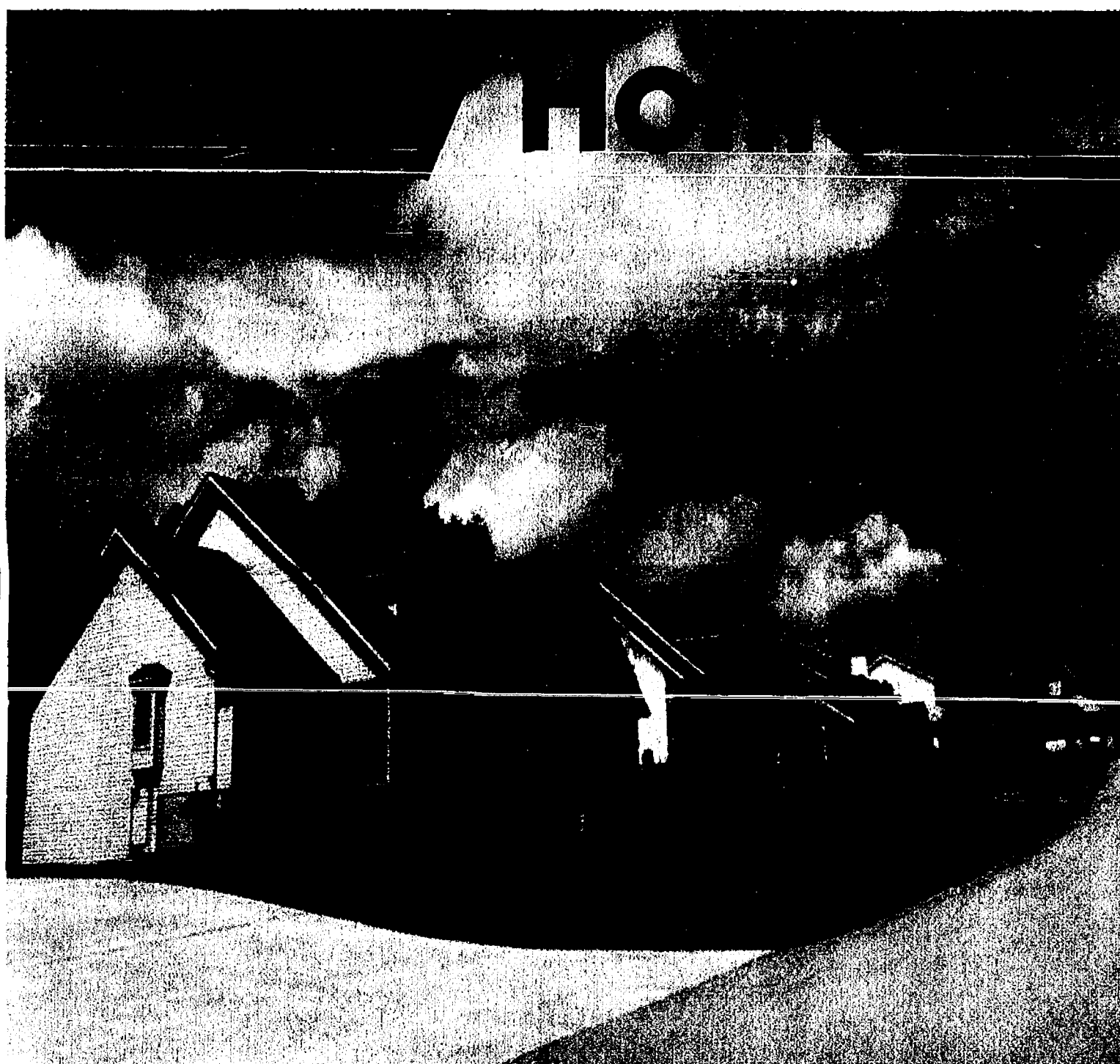
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